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# 'Church must admit the evils going on'

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

**MSGR. NICO BAUTISTA:** Church does not move unless it's rocked, battered.

## Erap, Ping sympathize with Bacani

**By Armand N. Nocum**

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada and Sen. Panfilo Lacson, his former police chief, are throwing their support behind Bishop Teodoro Bacani Jr. who is accused of sexually molesting his secretary.

"It's impossible that he's capable of doing that," Estrada said when asked in a telephone interview whether he believed the accusation against Bacani.

"He is one of the best bishops I'd ever met, very convincing, very outspoken. I have a high regard for him," said Estrada, who is detained at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City on plunder charges. "I can't believe he will do what he is being charged of."

Estrada, a known womanizer, was initially reluctant to give his views on the Bacani case, dismissing the matter as part of "Church politics."

He did not elaborate, but some

ERAP/ A21

## *Bishop Buhain presents proof he did not sire a child in 1999*

**By Blanche S. Rivera**

**ANOTHER Church leader, Teodoro Buhain Jr., auxiliary bishop of Manila, acknowledged during a meeting of priests the other day at Villa San Miguel, the residence of Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, that he himself was the subject of allegations of sexual harassment.**

Msgr. Nico Bautista, who attended the closed-door meeting of some 200 priests from the Archdiocese of Manila the other day, said that Buhain had also sought to quell similar accusations of sexual relations.

Bautista recalled Buhain as saying that he was being accused of something that was "not true" but which people could be talking about.

Buhain's disclosure followed reports that Bacani sexually molested his secretary. Bacani left for the United States early this week.

When sought for comment, Buhain said that he read before the clergy a letter he had given Sin concerning past allegations that he had sired a child several years ago.

CHURCH/ A19

JOHNNY VILLENA

**GROWING** up on the lap of history, sisters and Rizal heirs—Naty Francisco (left), Sunny Bantug and Carmen Consunji—are full of memories of the Sundays of their childhood visiting their Lolo Jose's monument at the Luneta.

## They walked with heroic figures

**By Blanche S. Rivera**

IN A QUIET neighborhood in the heart of Mandaluyong City live little-known witnesses to the making of heroes who bequeathed to the Philippines the distinction of being the first country in Asia to mount a revolution against its colonizers 105 years ago.

And the heroes are no less than the National Hero, Jose Rizal and his family.

Asuncion "Sunny" Bantug, 89; Carmen Consunji, 87; and Natividad Francisco, 86, the remaining grandchildren of Rizal, learned their history and about heroism right in their household.

They are probably the last of the Rizal clan to be raised in the old school in the manner of the hero's mother Doña Teodora Alonso, whose children were taught unquestioning obedience and responsibility at home, alongside lessons in languages and the arts.

They had a brother, the youngest in the brood, who died during World War II.

The sisters are a striking reminder

THEY WALKED/ A20

## Medal of Valor for 'Liberator of Siocon'

**By Christian V. Esguerra and Jerome Aning**

A FARMER'S SON dubbed as the "Liberator of Siocon" will receive today the highest police honor in a ceremony part of celebrations marking the 105th anniversary of Independence Day.

Senior Insp. Ranie Hachuela, 27, will be awarded the prestigious Medal of Valor at Camp Crame for securing Siocon, a remote town in Zamboanga del Norte, from fierce attacks by Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels and Abu Sayyaf bandits on May 4.

"It was one battle I never wished for but it's also one I would not hesitate to take part in again," Hachuela yesterday told the INQUIRER. "I lost men, but it was worth the sacrifice. We were able to save many lives."

Hachuela and a 15-member team were able to rescue Siocon Mayor Cesar Soriano and his family after engaging around 150 heavily armed raiders in a nine-hour gun battle.

He lost six men before Army reinforcements arrived and helped drive away the raiders.

Hachuela said he joined the Philippine National Police Academy in 1993, primarily for economic reasons.

He said his parents were farmers in

MEDAL/ A20

## US doctors say Danding fit to run

**By Jerry Esplanada and Carlito Pablo**

BUSINESSMAN Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., who has been declared by his doctors in the United States physically fit to stand the rigors of an electoral campaign, will definitely run in the 2004 presidential election, former Press Secretary Rod Reyes said yesterday.

Reyes, who was a Cabinet member during the Estrada administration and is now Cojuangco's chief media consultant, said Cojuangco would formally announce his bid for the presidency "sometime next month or early August."

"Danding's doctors at the Elizabeth Seton Hospital in Daly City, California, have given him a clean bill of health," Reyes said yesterday.

"With the go-signal from his doctors, Danding is definitely running for President in 2004."

But Cojuangco's nephew, Rep. Gilbert Teodoro (NPC, Tarlac), said his uncle's decision on whether to run "could go either way."

"He may decide to run or just support GMA if she's going to run after all," Teodoro said.

Teodoro said his uncle had set the following conditions to determine whether he would take another crack at the presidency:

- If there is a "suitable candidate" with a "good program of government" that he deems deserving of his support.
- If this candidate has a "good chance of winning."

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President Macapagal walks 50 meters—and looks it—to get to upper Mainit in Malungon, Sarangani, on her second day in Mindanao.

## Shipping out of 16th-century pottery probed

**By Volt Contreras**

THE NATIONAL Museum will investigate how precious porcelain and pottery retrieved from 16th-century shipwrecks in Philippine waters found their way to the United States courtesy of an American treasure hunter.

According to reports in the New York Times, some 10,000 pieces of porcelain and pottery dating back to the Ming and Song dynasties were found in the Los Angeles apartment of Vietnam War veteran Phil Greco, who ostensibly assembled the cache while living in the Philippines for more than a decade.

Greco, an ex-Marine and an ex-New Yorker, has so far shipped some 7,000 of the artifacts to the East Coast, where they

SHIPPING OUT/ A17

## Davide: Sinister moves trying to destroy SC

**By Philip C. Tubeza**

"SINISTER moves."

This was how Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. described the twin bids by ousted President Joseph Estrada to put him on the witness stand at the Sandiganbayan and to impeach him and seven other Supreme Court justices.

"There is some sort of institutional attack and so we will meet the issue as soon as we receive the (impeachment) complaint," Davide yesterday said in a speech at the launching of two books on the late Chief Justice Roberto Concepcion, one of the highlights of the Supreme Court's celebration of Judiciary Week.

Davide said the 15-member tribunal would meet and come out with a statement as soon as it received a copy of the impeachment complaint filed in the House of Representatives as well the summons that the Sandiganbayan might issue.

Estrada has asked the House to impeach Davide and seven other Supreme Court justices for culpable violation of the Constitution and breach of of public trust, saying they joined Edsa II in January 2001 and later upheld the legitimacy of then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's accession to the presidency.

Estrada has also asked the Sandiganbayan, which is trying the deposed leader for plunder, to call to the witness stand Davide and several other justices.

"The shrillness of the political atmosphere in the country today, the acrimony in the political debate--- caused in no small part by the jockeying for the 2004 national elections---and sinister moves to destroy an institution, which is the last

DAVIDE/ A21

**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Extreme northern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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## MILF unilateral truce extended by 10 days

By Edwin O. Fernandez
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*

**COTABATO CITY—Saying it was responding to "a request" from Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front has extended the unilateral ceasefire it announced last week for another 10 days.**

The announcement will be made today, according to MILF political affairs chief Ghazali Jaafar as he acknowledged "Malaysia's special concern for Mindanao."

The MILF leadership, after a thorough discussion yesterday, had decided to extend "in the name of peace" its unilateral suspension of military action that was to have ended a midnight yesterday, Jaafar said.

The extension will expire on June 21.

The MILF had earlier threatened to resume hostilities once the ceasefire expired.

Jaafar said the MILF central committee was now expecting a positive response from the government now that Kuala Lumpur had "made its presence felt."

"We are elated by Mahathir's desire to make the Mindanao peace process successful," Jaafar said, noting the commitment made by the Malaysian premier to President Macapagal-Arroyo in Japan last week that Kuala Lumpur would broker the negotiations.

"It is also our Independence Day gift to the people of Mindanao who have suffered enough," he said.

The President, who is on a working trip in Mindanao, yesterday warned of a fresh wave of terrorist attacks as soon as the MILF ceasefire expired.

She warned the military would sustain "selective punitive actions" against the MILF which the government has blamed for a spate of deadly attacks in Mindanao that have left about 100 people dead since March.

"We shall continue to our search for a principled peace but we shall not be threatened or intimidated," the President said in remarks at dinner with Davao City officials late Tuesday.

She said she was disappointed at the lack of response from the MILF to the government's peace offers, citing the feelers it had sent out, the drafting of a final peace agreement and its success in eliciting a commitment from Mahathir during a meeting in Japan last week.

Jaafar said the MILF also took into consideration the request for an extension of the ceasefire by Mindanao peace advocates, particularly that of the president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Cotabato Archbishop Orlando Quevedo.

He said the MILF also welcomed the appointment of Eduardo Ermita to head the government negotiating panel in the peace talks.

Jaafar said this was a chance for Ermita to prove that he was a man of peace as he claimed.

"We challenge him to prove it," Jaafar said.

Ermita was the vice chair of the panel that negotiated the 1996 peace accord with the Moro National Liberation Front.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol meanwhile said MILF chair Salamat Hashim should sit down as the MILF's chief negotiator.

"Previous agreements entered into by MILF middle level leaders proved to be toothless," Piñol said. *With a report from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and TJ Burgonio*

## Ex-hostage still an AFP captive

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Roland Ulla may have escaped from his Abu Sayyaf captors, but he remains a prisoner of the military.

Yesterday, Ulla's wife Joy and their two children, Jay-Ar and Raffy saw the former Abu Sayyaf captive at the Southern Command headquarters.

"I did not immediately recognize him. He was so thin," Joy said.

"At first, Jay-ar did not recognize his father. When he (Roland) removed his cap, that was when Jay-Ar recognized his father. Raffy, however, was so scared of him," Joy added.

Raffy, 2, was born while Ulla was still in captivity.

Southern Command spokesperson Lt. Col. Renoir Pascua said Ulla arrived here from Jolo at around noon yesterday, or a week after he escaped from his captors.

Ulla was the last of the 21 persons, mostly Westerners, who were snatched from a dive resort in Sipadan, Malaysia three years ago.

"Roland wants to have a rest. After his meeting with his wife, we have also arranged for the counseling and meeting with the DSWD, and for his over-all medical examination," Pascua explained.

But the Southcom said the former hostage could not be freed until after he is formally presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo, who will visit this city today.

After his escape, Ulla has been placed under tactical interrogation, providing information on the location of the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu.

Joy said Roland looked tired. She said she would no longer allow the military to pressure her husband into giving information about the Abu Sayyaf.

"They (military) should let my husband rest. After that (rest), they can go to the house and interview him," she said.

But Joy could still not bring her husband home. He will remain under military custody. His freedom from his new "captors" will depend on the President's visit today.

Commission on Human Rights director for Western Mindanao, Jose Manuel Mamauag, said Ulla's continued detention is a violation of his rights.

"Ulla had been in captivity for more than a thousand days by the Abu Sayyaf Group, now he is again detained for the military's intelligence operation. It all boils down to one thing—that the military has placed Ulla under continuing captivity," Mamauag told the INQUIRER.

And if Joy meets the President in today presentation, she will ask for a little help for them to start anew. She is also expected to ask for medical assistance for Jay-Ar, who has been diagnosed with tuberculosis.

*"At least nandiyan na si Roland. Siguro pwede na akong tumanggap na maraming labada, kahit buong araw pa, kasi may mag-aalaga na sa mga bata,"* she said.

Joy plans to save money for her family to return to Malaysia where, she said, a former employer had promised them work. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## Ermita heads peace panel

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has named a former general to replace the government's chief negotiator in the upcoming talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front as part of efforts to put a fresh start in the negotiations.

President Macapagal named Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Eduardo Ermita to take over as panel chief replacing Presidential Adviser for Mindanao Jesus Dureza.

Ms Macapagal said Dureza had begged off from the peace panel to focus on his responsibilities to oversee the socioeconomic programs being implemented in Mindanao.

The President, who had earlier named Sultan Kudarat Gov. Pax Mangudadatu as a member, announced the shakeup in the government peace panel Tuesday night in Davao.

## Gloria OKs AFP revamp

By TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has approved a major Armed Forces revamp involving at least eight officials, including a two-star general who was facing what is known in military parlance as "attrition," military officials said yesterday.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, the Armed Forces chief public information officer, confirmed late yesterday that the reshuffle took effect last Tuesday, the day the President gave her approval.

This will be the first revamp carried out under AFP Chief Gen. Narciso Abaya who assumed the top military post in April.

Topping the list is Maj. Gen. Librado Ladia, former commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps who was named as the new Inspector General in charge of investigating cases against the military.

Speculations immediately rose that Ladia's appointment as Inspector General virtually saved him from "attrition."

Ladia, who received his two stars on June 12, 2000, would have retired today under the principle of "attrition" under which a two-star general has to be promoted to the next higher rank before his third year, or be retired.

### Third star

Ladia is even likely to get his third star because the position of Inspector General requires someone with three-star rank, military officials said.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy Class '72, Ladia had served as chief of the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Task Force in Mindanao early in the Estrada administration when Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson headed the PAOCTF.

Lucero denied the revamp was aimed at saving Ladia from attrition, saying that it was an offshoot of the recent promotion of 74 generals.

"That's not true," he said of the rumors.

Ladia replaced Rear Adm. Edgardo Israel as Inspector General. Israel took over as chief of the Civil Relations Service, a post that was held by Col. Jose Mendoza who was not given a new position.

Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio, former AFP deputy chief of staff for education and training, replaced Ladia as Marine commandant. Brig. Gen. Orlando Buenaventura, erstwhile Marine deputy commandant, took over Teodosio's post.

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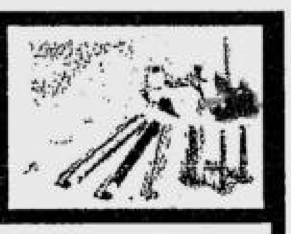

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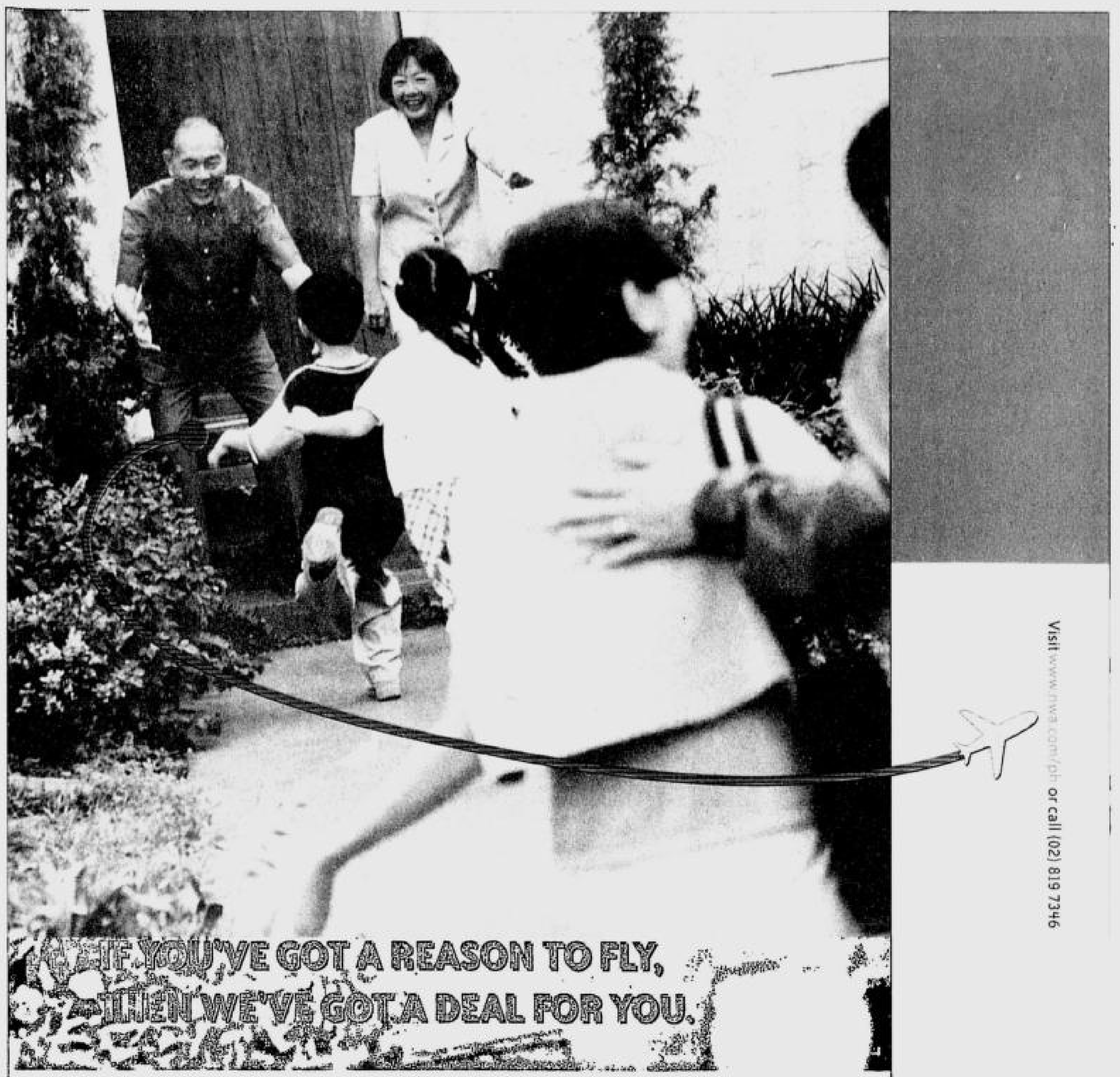
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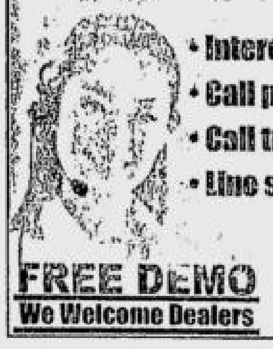

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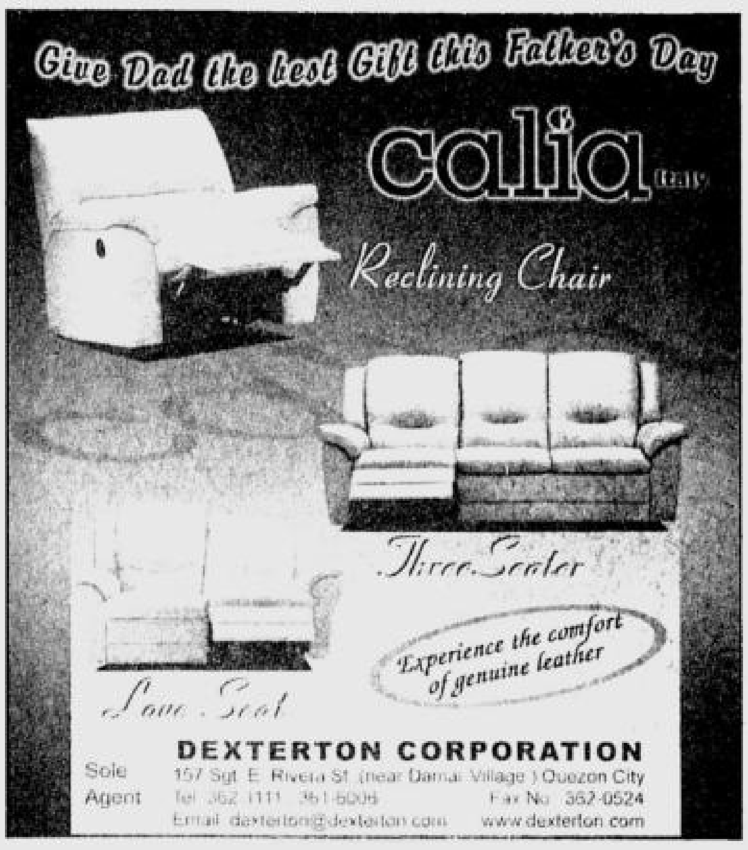
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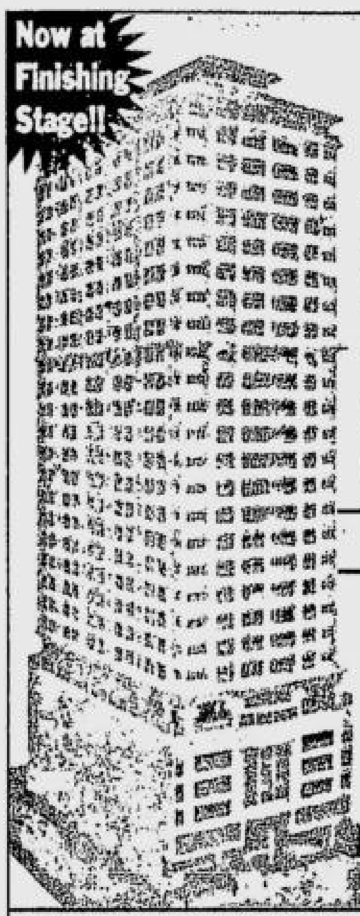
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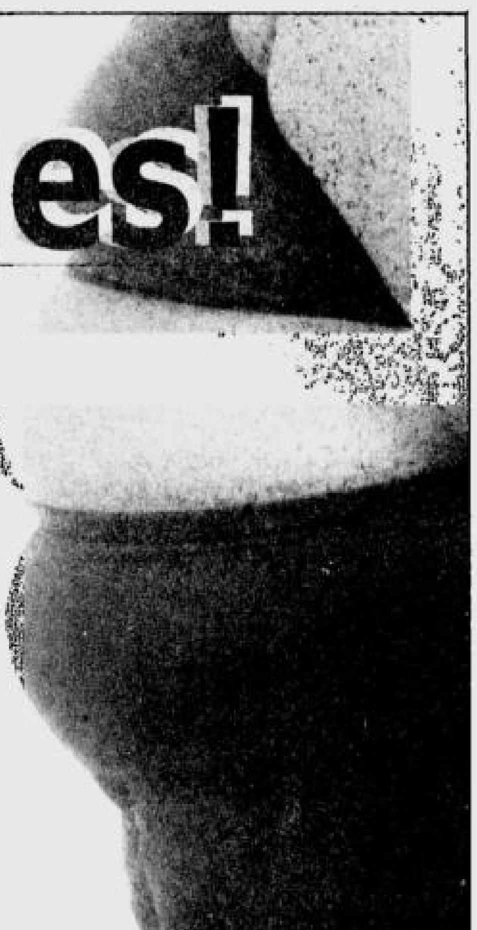

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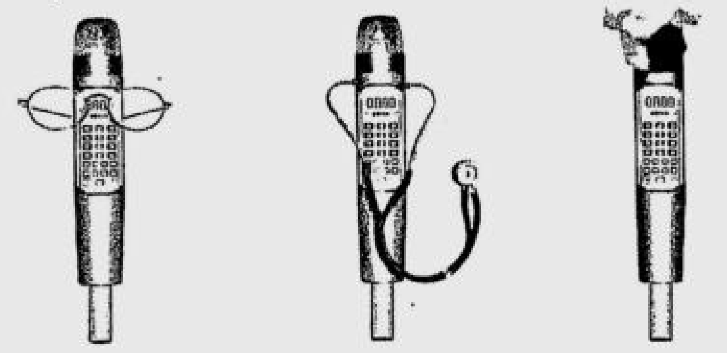

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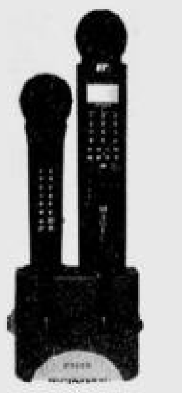

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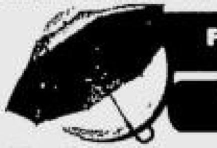

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# PRESERVE, PROTECT, PROMOTE OUR NATIONAL PATRIMONY!

On June 2, 2003, Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Jr. announced at the meeting of the Lakas-CMD National Directorate that as a matter of principle he was opposed to the convening of a Constituent Assembly to amend the 1987 Constitution. The Vice President, who is also president of the party, declared that he was particularly opposed to the plan to authorize the proposed Parliament to consider amendments to economic provisions that could include removing the Constitution's protective mantle over the National Patrimony.

The next day, the Vice President told a news conference any attempt to amend the Constitution to allow foreigners to own and develop land, marine and mineral resources was a "new form of parity that actually attempts to sell out our national patrimony to all foreigners and multinational firms." He said he was taking the issue to the Filipino people so that action could be taken to protect and preserve the National Patrimony.

On June 9, at Club Filipino, Vice President Guingona convened a multi-sectoral consultation attended by some 34 government and non-government organizations during which he put his case to the people and rallied them to join the fight for the National Patrimony.

Hereunder are the statements of Vice President Guingona and the groups present at the Club Filipino Multi-Sectoral Consultation:

## STATEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT TEOFISTO GUINGONA, JR.

June 9, 2003
Club Filipino
San Juan Metro Manila

An impending catastrophe is upon us, and we are called upon to address ourselves not only to the urgent demands of the Filipino people today but, as urgently to the needs of our future generation.

Our people now are confronted with powerful sources of globalization exerting pressures on the Filipino nation to open its lands and other natural resources to foreign ownership and control.

Last month, the European Union transmitted its official position paper to the Philippine government in connection with the Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations with the request that the Philippines allow foreign investors access to its land resources. Earlier the World Bank expressed its specific interest in the elimination of constitutional restrictions on land ownership to attract foreign investments. Thru the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee, Japanese investors consider the 60/40 capital equity requirement as a disincentive to Japanese investments in the Philippines and affirmed their strong interest to own lands in the country. U.S. investments have a long standing demand for the removal of constitutional limitations to land ownership and other natural resources.

Even as the Constitution maintains the necessary protection to our national patrimony, a number of laws have been passed in the last five years contrary to the Constitutional mandate

But now, the final overthrow of sovereign protection of our God given and historic right to land and resources is about to begin: the bid to amend the Constitution as a means of removing its protective mandate on the National Patrimony, on the pretext of development through unhampered flow of foreign capital.

I am sure you know where the Cha-Cha/ConAss proponents stand.

I have made my position clear and unequivocal, and on these I am certain I am on the side of the enduring interests of our people, which are spelled out in our glorious revolutionary tradition.

I ask you, as I do now emphatically, to march with me forward in defense of our land and resources for which our forefathers fought and died against alien occupation.

Let us not disinherit our children! Protect the National Patrimony from Cha-Cha and ConAss!

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Our right to self-determination is under threat.

The Constitution's protective mantle over the National Patrimony is under siege.

As pointed out by Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Jr. :

Powerful foreign interests and entities are demanding to have the right to own and exploit our lands.

- The World Bank has asked that the constitutional restrictions on the ownership of lands by foreigners be removed.
- This is also the long-standing demand of American investors.
- The Japanese are also strongly interested to own Philippine lands and claim that the 40% limit on foreign ownership in businesses and industries is a disincentive to the entry of Japanese investments.
- Now, even the European Union has formally asked our government to allow foreigners to own land here.

In the face of these pressures, we affirm:

- Our lands, our seas, and airspace, the earth's wealth is our people's God-given inheritance – our National Patrimony;
- Our Constitution, today and all the previous ones, firmly spread a protective mantle over our National Patrimony;
- The assault on the National Patrimony is clothed in the move to convene a Constituent Assembly for Charter Change;
- The most insidious component of the plot is to give the planned new Parliament the power to open up the economic provisions protecting our National Patrimony;
- We, the signatories, stand up against surrendering our National Patrimony to exploitative foreign interests.

We join Tito Guingona in this fight.

We will take to the streets, we will speak out:

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# Meralco ready for phase 2 of P30-B refund

**By Ronnel W. Domingo**

THE MANILA Electric Co. yesterday said it was ready to implement Phase 2 of its P30-billion refund scheme to customers as early as August, even as only 2 percent of customers covered under Phase 1 of the program have claimed their money after four days.

Earlier, Meralco president Jesus Francisco said the power utility wanted the second phase to begin in November because the company was facing problems with cash flow.

Leonardo Mabale, chief of Meralco's Refund Management Task Force, said in an interview that about 31,000 of the 1.4 million Phase 1 customers had availed of the refund.

Of these, Mabale said at least 22,000 opted for a cash refund while at least 8,000 chose to have the refund credited to their bills.

"There are many more who, technically, have availed of the refund by not showing up on their appointed schedule," the official said. "They are regarded to have opted for credit and we are still determining their number."

In a separate interview, Meralco vice president Elpi Cuna said all of the Phase 1 customers have until late July to claim their money.

"Each customer is given three days, but if they do not show up or have problems producing the identification requirements, the money would automatically be credited to their bills," Cuna said.

The Meralco vice president, who was personally assisting customers in the utility's Tutuban branch yesterday, also said Phase 2 could start as early as August, subject to approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission.

"We will submit on June 16 our proposal to implement Phase 2 which would cover customers using between 101 kilowatt hours to 200 kWh," Cuna said.

ERC chair Manuel Sanchez last week said the agency was hammering out a compromise with Meralco to extend the coverage of Phase 2 to customers consuming up to 250 kWh.

The ERC was pushing for an upper limit of 300 kWh.

Also last week, Sanchez said the details of the Phase 2 implementation had been set. All that needed to be agreed was the range of consumption to be covered.

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# Marcoses won't bid for seized properties

LAOAG CITY—The Marcoses might be glum but they showed no indication that they would participate in the bidding of more than P112-million worth of the family's seized properties that the government had put on auction.

Asked for comment on the bidding of the properties, mostly in San Juan, Mandaluyong and Parañaque, Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Tuesday said: "Of course we're sad because these are our properties. We grew (up) and lived (in these properties)."

But Marcos did not say whether his family would avail itself of the one-year period within which to join the public bidding.

He took the government to task for picking on the properties which, he described as rightfully owned by the Marcoses.

"It is of public knowledge that these properties have been ours (even) before my father (late strongman Ferdinand Marcos) became congressman (of Ilocos Norte). I was born (in one of these properties). Why would they claim that these do not belong to us?" he said.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue began auctioning the properties this week, the proceeds of which would be used to cover tax liabilities by the Marcos estate.

## Tax liabilities

The estate owes the government up to P43 billion in real estate taxes, penalties and interests.

Lito Gorospe, Marcos' spokesman, said he has not seen the governor exceptionally gloomy in a long time while being pressed for comment on their seized properties.

"He was particularly sad about these assets being sold. I have known the San Juan property to be theirs since I can remember," Gorospe said.

The assets also include lots in the Marcoses' home province of Ilocos Norte, which were seized after the 1986 People Power Revolution.

The governor and his youngest sister, Irene Marcos-Araneta, reportedly own properties in Currimao town. These properties include a seaside residence in Currimao, popularly known as the "Governor's Residence," built during the term of the young Marcos in the early 1980s.

## Repossessed

The Presidential Commission on Good Government had previously sequestered the Currimao home until Marcos went to court and repossessed it. *Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# RP won't pay rebs ransom for 2 Pinoys

**By Gerald G. Lacuarta**

THE PHILIPPINE government will not pay ransom for the release of two Filipinos who are being held by rebels in the strife-torn Liberian capital of Monrovia, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

The government, already working on a shoe-string budget and faced with a growing fiscal deficit, simply has no cash to spare.

"Where will we get the money?" said DFA spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros at the Fernandina media forum in Greenhills, San Juan.

The government, in addition, had adopted a "no ransom" policy even in local kidnap-for-ransom cases.

Rebels fighting the regime of Liberian President Charles Taylor have reportedly held two Filipinos hostage as they advanced toward the capital against loyalist forces.

Lecaros identified the two merely as the "Carpintero brothers," two of only 10 Filipinos in Liberia. He said he heard that the rebels were demanding $100,000 ransom.

"As of now there is no telephone contact in the area (where the Filipinos are being held)," Lecaros said.

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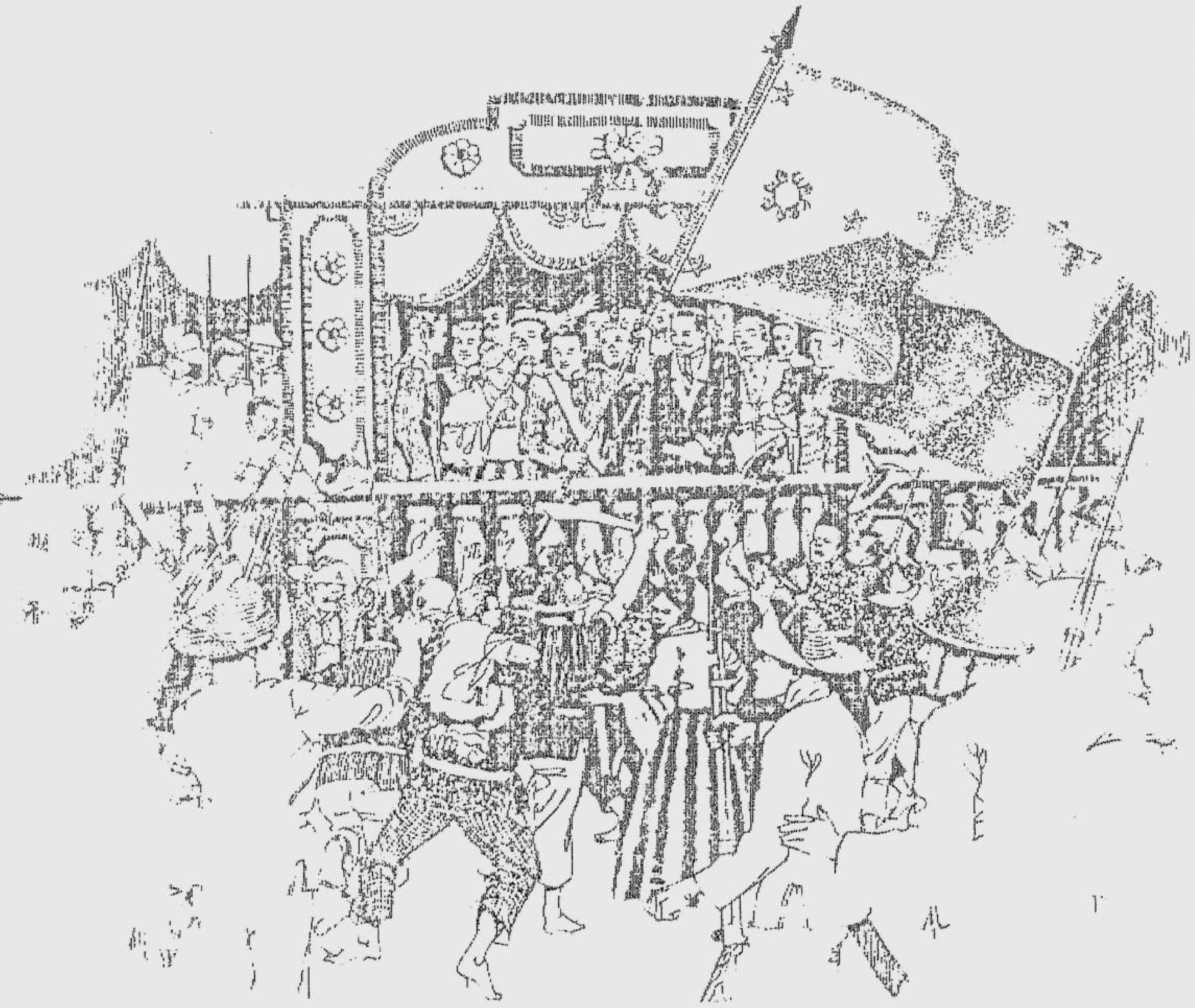

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# Piatco warns gov't vs Naia takeover

**By Norman Bordadora**

THE PHILIPPINE International Air Terminals, Co. (Piatco) yesterday warned the government against taking over Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on the pretext of national emergency.

In a letter to Manila International Airport Authority general manager Edgardo Manda, Piatco legal counsel Frank Chavez said a forcible takeover of the terminal building was "patently predatory and downright criminal."

Piatco, in a press statement, claimed that anti-Piatco firms had hatched a plan to declare Naia Terminal 1 unfit for public use due to a "staged systems failure." Chavez said Manda was in on the plan.

Chavez said that he had written Manda on the legal issues surrounding a government takeover.

The INQUIRER tried to reach Manda at his office but was told he was out. Repeated calls on his cellular phone also proved futile.

In his letter to Manda, Chavez said that with the May 5 Supreme Court decision voiding Piatco's concession agreement with the government, Naia terminal 3 never became a public utility or business affected with public interest. Thus it could not be legally taken over in a national emergency.

"Not even burning Naia terminal 1 and 2 to the ground would provide government with the legal justification to take private property without due process of law," Chavez said.

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## IMMUNITY OF TROOPS

# VP hits secret RP-US accord

**By Gerald G. Lacuarta**

VICE President Teofisto Guingona yesterday said he had no knowledge of the agreement concluded recently with the United States government giving US troops in the Philippines immunity from prosecution before the International Criminal Court (ICC).

"Until now we don't know the agreement in its entirety and we don't know its details," Guingona said at the Ciudad Fernandina forum yesterday.

Addressing Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros who was at the forum, Guingona said he had been verbally asking for a copy of the agreement to no avail.

Foreign Secretary Blas F. Ople confirmed last week that the executive agreement had been concluded in an exchange of notes between himself and US Secretary of State Colin Powell on May 13, shortly before President Macapagal-Arroyo departed for a state visit to Washington.

The agreement would keep both countries from surrendering each other's nationals to the jurisdiction of an international tribunal, especially if the Philippines were to sign or ratify the ICC Statute.

Guingona, held the DFA portfolio until he resigned and broke away from the administration last year over policy differences with Malacañang on the presence of US troops here.

The Vice President said the agreement should be submitted for ratification by the Senate since it would in effect undermine the jurisdiction of Philippine courts over US troops and civilian military personnel in the country.

Lecaros said the Cabinet was still studying whether to submit the agreement for Senate ratification.

He defended the agreement as "not a one-sided" pact that would give protection only to the Americans. He said Philippine officials and troops would be given equal protection while on US soil.

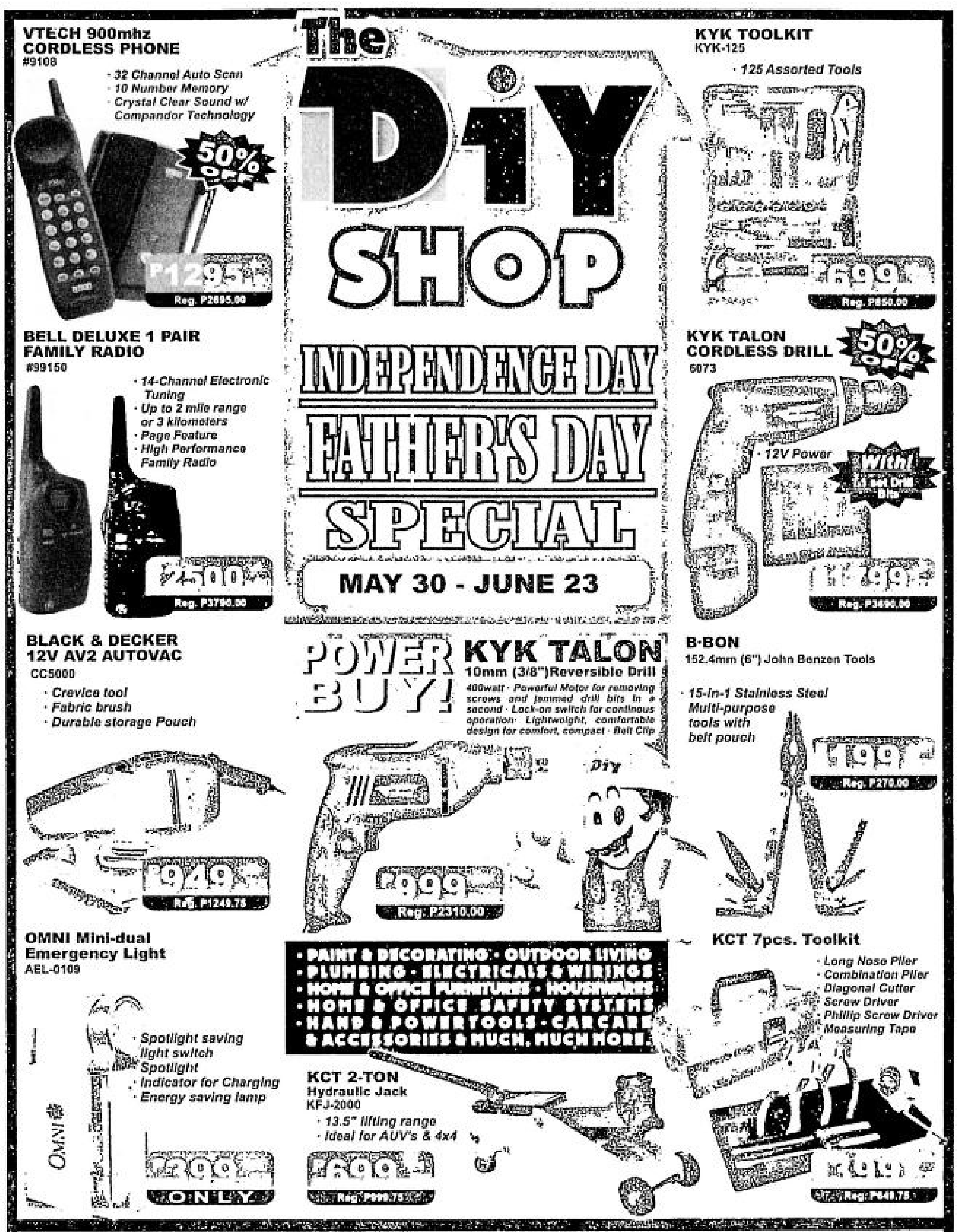
For instance, a Philippine military official studying in the US who was sued in Belgium for alleged human rights violations in the Philippines cannot be surrendered to the ICC without the consent of the Philippines, he said.

He said the agreement does not take away the applicability of Philippine laws and jurisdiction on crimes committed by US military and civilian personnel in the country, such as during a military exercise.

But Danilo Vizmanos, a retired Navy captain and former Armed Forces Inspector General who is now a spokesperson for a coalition opposed to US military presence here said the agreement was "practically a waiver form" for US troops that exempts them from ICC jurisdiction.

The Netherlands-based ICC has jurisdiction over war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed after July 1, 2002 involving any of the signatory-states to the ICC treaty.

Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran said the agreement was a "national disgrace and outrage" and condemned the US government for allegedly bullying other countries into concluding similar agreements with it.



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# Drilon defends citizenship bill

**By Michael Lim Ubac**

SENATE President Franklin Drilon yesterday defended the passage of the dual citizenship bill, which is expected to be signed into law by President Macapagal-Arroyo when Congress resumes session next month.

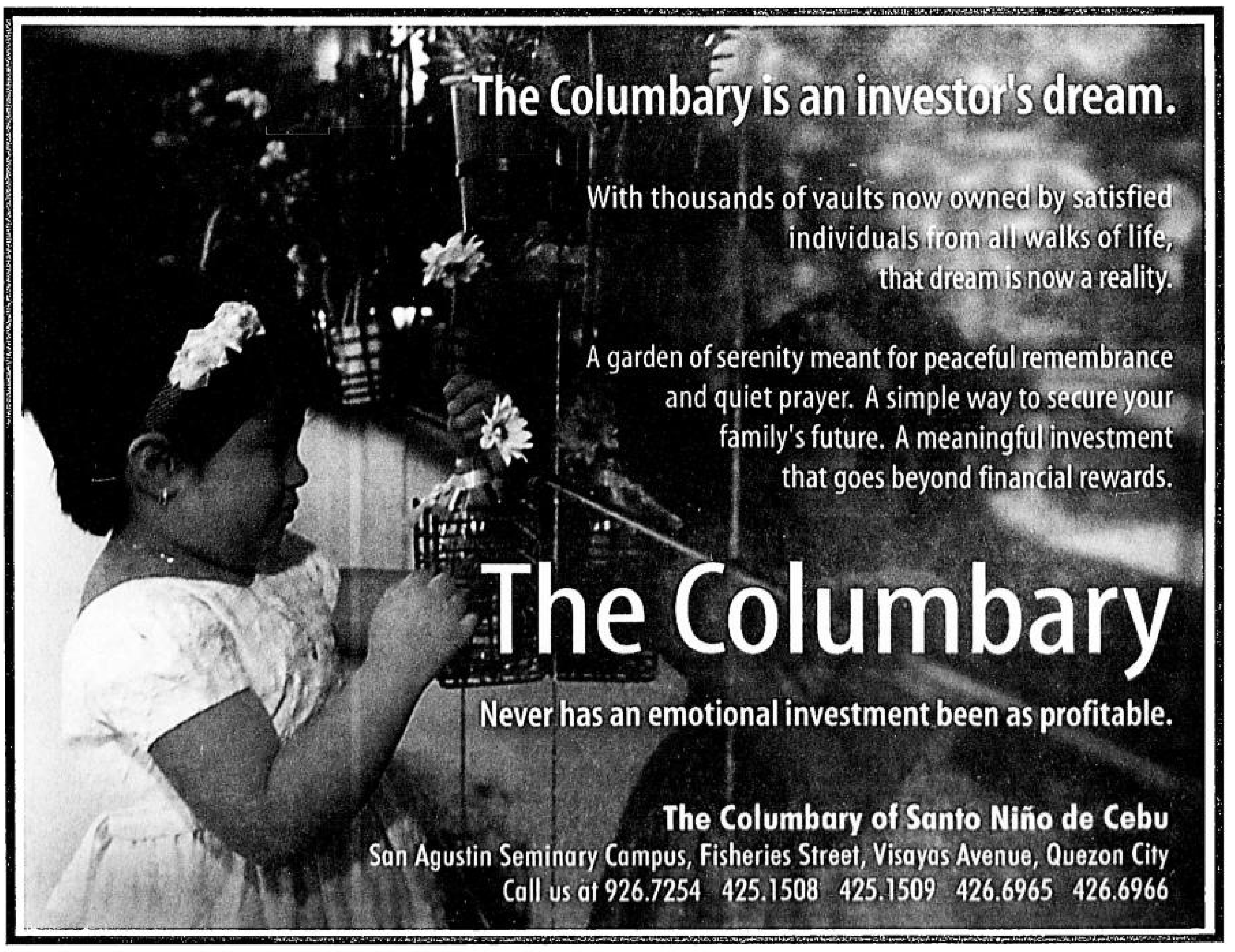
Drilon described the bill as a "double-edged sword."

He said that the measure would restore the Filipino citizenship of those who have acquired foreign or dual nationalities.

However, the bill also contained necessary safeguards such as the provision strictly requiring Filipinos to renounce their other citizenship should they seek public office—either appointed or elected.

"I think this provision is fair enough," said Drilon, referring to the Senate version of the bill passed in October last year.

Conflicting provisions of Senate Bill 2130 and House Bill 2730, passed on June 5, will be reconciled by the conference committee before the measure is forwarded to Malacañang for signing by Ms Macapagal.



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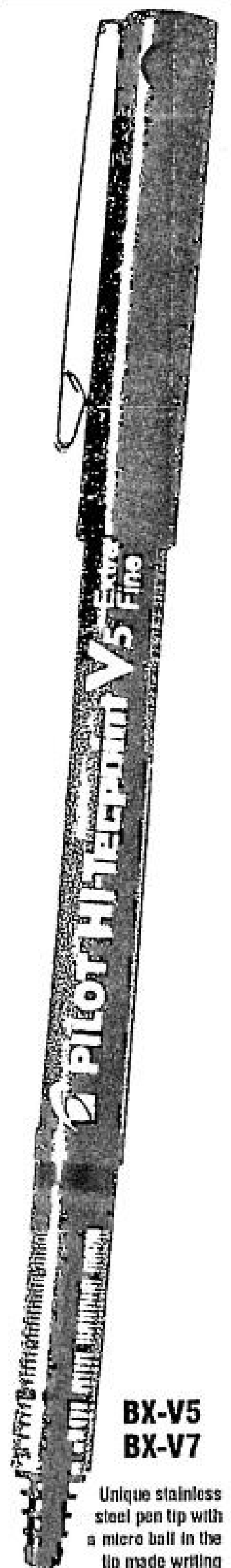

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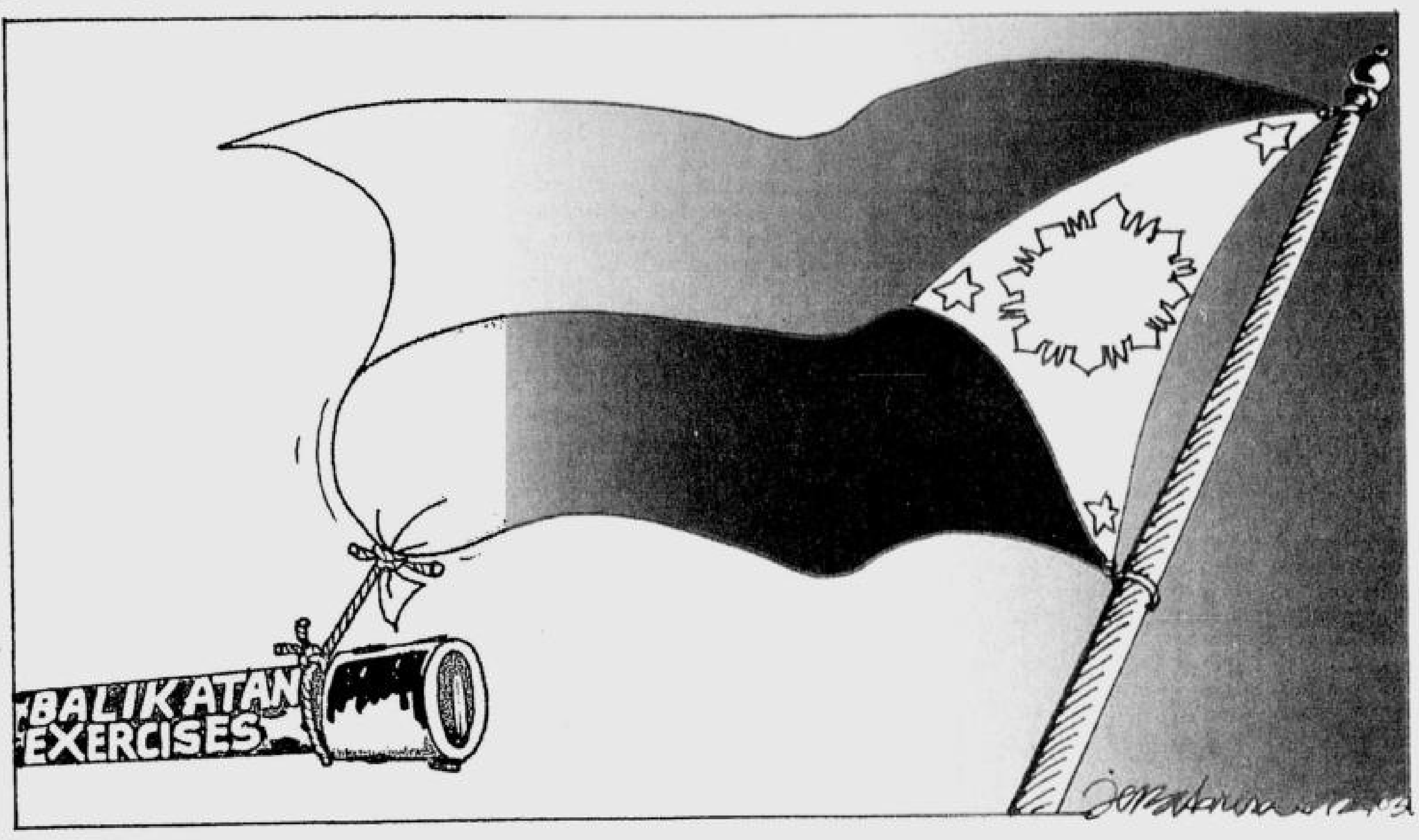

# Security is freedom

**EDITORIALS**

THE PHILIPPINES celebrates its 105th National Day, enjoying solid relations with the nation that spoiled its independence bid a century ago, the United States. At the same time it faces the discomfiting prospect of accounting for its independence in a globalized world that has erased national borders and identities while exalting a superpower that has shown signs of renewed expansionism.

All of this is happening, propitiously enough, under the incumbency of a President whose father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, earned his place in history by moving the celebration of Independence Day from July 4, when the United States formally granted the Philippines its independence in 1946, to June 12, when Emilio Aguinaldo declared Asia's first republic in 1898.

Perhaps it is with a certain twist of fate that the late president's daughter, President Macapagal-Arroyo, has overseen a dramatic rehabilitation of Filipino-American relations, which have not exactly been in the best of terms since the United States pulled out its bases in 1991. The President has been quick to capitalize on a number of openings to restore the relations and even upgrade them to a level that may yet define Philippine foreign policy in the new century.

Foremost among these openings was Sept. 11, 2001. President Macapagal became the first Asian leader to commiserate with US President George W. Bush. Since then, she has become the staunchest Asian supporter of the US war against global terrorism.

In the US war on Iraq, the President risked isolating herself and the Philippines by supporting the war to the very end. Part of her stubbornness owed to her decision not to seek the presidency in 2004 and to make politically tough decisions even at the risk of losing public support.

In another historic twist of fate, she made the same decision as Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who also stood tough in backing the United States after disavowing any intention to seek the premiership again. And so in one fell swoop, former fierce enemies in the colonial era—the Philippines, Spain and the United States—have become partners in the war against terrorism.

In the aftermath of the US victory, the President is reaping the reward of her firm support. She has been feted by a fawning Bush and allowed to stand side by side with the American leader in a White House press conference. And Bush has conferred on the Philippines the distinction of being a special non-North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally of the United States:

It is tempting to look at the US reception to the President as that accorded by an empire to a satrap and to consider her achievement as the new-century version of neocolonialism and subservience. But that has to be weighed against the reality that the Philippines has security problems of its own. Rightly or wrongly, the President sees these problems as pressing and needing to be addressed by an enhanced military alliance with the United States, for better or for worse.

# Peace is freedom

TO BE sure, the need to strengthen the military relations between the Philippines and the United States has become more pressing: on the part of the United States, because it perceives terrorism as a global threat, and on the part of the Philippines, because of its incapacity to secure itself from different threats: the Abu Sayyaf bandits, Moro secessionists, Islamic extremism, piracy in the high seas, and Chinese encroachments in the Spratlys, which denigrate Philippine sovereignty and make a mockery of its national integrity.

In the contest of enhanced military relations, the United States has committed $356 million in security-related assistance to the Philippines. The worrisome bone of contention here is if the US package included a more direct American involvement in the Philippine military offensives in Mindanao. A combat role for American troops in the South would clearly be a setback for Philippine sovereignty and a blow to the integrity of the republic.

But there are signs that any US involvement would respect Philippine sovereignty. Bush has said that "we will be involved [in the MILF issue] to the extent that the President invites us to be involved, within the [limits of the] Constitution of the Philippine government."

At least on paper, it appears that both sides realize that peace is as much a key to authentic freedom as security.

# GMA should make more surprise visits

**AS I SEE IT**

*Neal H. Cruz*

THE SPIES of President Macapagal-Arroyo were not very accurate and thorough in gathering information at the Land Transportation Office and reporting to her. Apparently, they just looked around and did not ask questions from the right people and so they didn't really get to the bottom of things. In contrast, my own spies who have been "embedded" in the LTO for years have come up with a better report.

First, the LTO official involved in the EWD (early warning device) scam is not LTO chief Roberto Lastimoso but a former subordinate of Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza in the Philippine National Police who is now occupying an important position in the LTO, reported my spies. This is not to say that Mendoza has anything to do with the scam or knows about it, but it explains why Lastimoso's hands seem to be tied.

I don't know if Lastimoso got to tell the President about if after the tongue-lashing he got from her, but he should have done so. If he hadn't, he should write a report and give it to her. He should give his boss all the information she needs so that she can make the right decisions.

No, Lastimoso wasn't "embedded" anywhere when the President visited his office last Tuesday and didn't find him there. According to my own spies, he was at a meeting when his frantic aides found him and told him a volcano was erupting at his office. He rushed back to the LTO to be met by the full fury of the volcano in full view of television cameras.

With regard to the tellers closing their windows at 4 p.m., my spies said it was because the Land Bank would not allow its armored cars to wait beyond 4:30 p.m. to take the LTO cash collections. Thus, the cashiers have to stop accepting payments at 4 p.m. so they can balance their books in time for the 4:30 p.m. deadline set by the Land Bank.

Besides, the tellers have no lunch break. So their eight-hour work day runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., although they sometimes work until 7 p.m.

Still, that's no justification to the public rushing to transact business, only to find the teller windows closed at 4 p.m. since they know office hours are until 5 p.m. The LTO can assign one or two tellers to accept payments until 5 p.m. and keep the money, in a well-guarded safe in the office until the next day. But that is tempting fate. It won't be long before burglars learn that cash is being kept overnight at the LTO and help themselves to it. Is it too much to ask the Land Bank to have one of its armored vans wait until 5:30 p.m.?

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It cannot be denied that fixers are back in business at the LTO. The fixers there became almost extinct during the term of Lastimoso's predecessor, but like the parched brown grass that suddenly become green again after a long, hard rain, the fixers are back with a vengeance.

Fixers are an indication that red tape in any given office is long. People who have no time or don't want to fall in line and wait, invariably employ fixers. And some clerks in government offices slow down paper processing purposely to force people to use fixers who split their take with the clerks. Cut the red tape and the fixers will wither on the vine.

Also, I fully agree with the President's surprise visits to government offices. That should put public servants on their toes. I wish she would make a surprise visit to the police community precinct under the flyover at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Tandang Sora in Quezon City. Traffic anarchy in this area has lessened since City Hall made it a "traffic disciplinary zone" and assigned a man with a loudspeaker to tell commuters where to wait for rides and drivers where to load and unload passengers. But lately, this man has been disappearing from his post. So when the cat is away the mice play.

When he's not around, commuters again stand in the middle of the street where vehicles stop to pick them up. And very strangely, while these spots are within spitting distance, literally, of the police community precinct, nobody steps out of it to direct the drivers and pedestrians to the right places. In fact, all anybody has to do is look out the window and he will see the jeepneys on the leftmost lane waiting for passengers crossing from the other side, complete with barkers calling them. But does any policeman in the precinct bother to discipline them? Of course not.

Also, the President will see the jeepneys double-parked on Tandang Sora, waiting for passengers when this is a No Parking Zone. They can be seen from the air-conditioned police community precinct, but perhaps it is too hot outside and the policemen there are loathe to leave the cool comfort of the precinct.

On Commonwealth, the President will see the sidewalk vendors again spilling into the street in the vicinity of Luzon Avenue and the pedestrian overpass.

And because the rainy season is over, you can expect this corner to be regularly flooded with every heavy rain. It is because a *carinderia* named Kim has been built over the creek behind the 7 Eleven store. Again, this is just across the street from the police precinct. Perhaps some of the policemen even eat there. And even if they claim they are not supposed to enforce traffic rules, this is not a traffic case but a violation of law right under their noses. The *carinderia* is squatting right on top of a creek that empties the floodwaters from the streets. With it there, naturally the flow of water is impeded.

Ms President, please make a surprise visit there.

# Independence Day

**THERE'S THE RUB**

*Conrado de Quiros*

I REMEMBER a couple of years ago getting letters from readers here and abroad wondering how the *masa* could be so stupid to repose so much faith in Erap. This was shortly after "Edsa III," when a horde descended on the Edsa Shrine to protest Erap's arrest on charges of plunder. How to explain such patently irrational behavior?

How can anyone, they asked, possibly believe in a leader who substituted myth for reality, movie for real life, charisma for substance? Erap had done little more than hold out the hope for a better life while doing little else to realize that hope. How can anyone, they asked, possibly embrace a culture that said let's stick together, right or wrong, *walang iwanan*? That was clearly mob rule, or blind allegiance to an authority figure. How can anyone, they asked, possibly think that he, if not the country, could get better through patronage, or by reposing his future on the benevolence of a benefactor? No one has yet gotten ahead by being a supplicant.

They were completely right, of course. But I myself have always wondered how so many Filipinos can possibly see what's wrong in the *masa's* outlook toward Erap and not see what's wrong in their own outlook toward America. Indeed, I myself have wondered of late how the same unabashed plug for patronage, *walang iwanan*, and relying on the benevolence of others, when advanced by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the cornerstone of our foreign policy, becomes the most natural thing in the world and even draws praise from the business community. How to explain such irrational behavior?

The parallel is exact.

As with Erap, our perception of our relations with America relies on the movie version of reality. The movie version says that American seizure of this country was benign, one which taught us freedom and democracy. The movie version says that Filipinos and Americans fought side by side at Bataan and Corregidor, which shows that between Filipinos and Americans, there will never be *iwanan*.

The idea that American rule introduced freedom and democracy in these islands in fact insults not just the dead in Balangiga but the country's heroes, Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Apolinario Mabini, Makario Sakay et al. who fought tyranny, including the American Occupation, and bequeathed to us a true understanding of freedom and democracy. We did fight side by side with the Americans in Bataan and Corregidor, and succored those who hid from the Japanese, for which pains we had postwar rehabilitation funds tied down to parity rights.

Most Filipinos find it so easy to see the chasm between the Erap image and the reality. Yet for some reason, they find it so hard to see the chasm between the image and reality of our history with America.

As with Erap, we take pride in the fact that we will always be on the side of America, whatever the cause, whatever the reason. In the past, this was specifically undertaken by Carlos P. Romulo, who showed dogged loyalty to the American vision of the Free World and became its fiercest spokesperson in Asia. It culminated in Philippine support for the Vietnam War, a war that was widely condemned around the world and eventually came to symbolize, with no small help from American writers and directors, the American folly. Today, that is specifically undertaken by GMA who has shown dogged loyalty to the American vision of the new century, and has become its fiercest spokesperson in Asia. It has culminated in the Philippine support for the Iraq war, a war that was widely condemned around the world and has come to symbolize, with no small help from American writers and intellectuals, American hubris.

GMA even went on to lecture the United Nations recently for being ineffectual, when its only ineffectuality was preventing George W. Bush from going to war without a compelling reason. Indeed, when the occupation army failed to turn up a single weapon of mass destruction in Iraq, which was its reason for occupying it in the first place. The message is simple: The Philippines will remain at America's side, right or wrong, good or bad, *walang iwanan*.

As with Erap, we like to believe that we will get ahead by reposing our future on the benevolence of a benefactor. That has been GMA's message since she came back from the United States, with the added suggestion that the United States will be even more benevolent if we kept her as president for six more years after next year. It was explicitly put that way by several GMA lieutenants: Our support for the American war in Iraq had paid off in terms of more US aid and jobs abroad. In fact, the increased aid has largely taken the form of surplus arms, which should help us kill one another better, and the potential jobs in Iraq has remained a fantasy—even as the threat of OFWs reaping a harvest of ill-will in the Gulf becomes more real.

Could we have prospered while relying on the goodwill of Erap? The answer obviously is no. Yet the answer to whether we can prosper while relying on the goodwill of America does not seem to be equally obvious to us despite the evidence of the last half century. Both share the same set of values and attitudes, the same culture and philosophy, the same beliefs and way of life. After Independence in 1946, we were second only to Japan in economic potential. Now we lag even behind the Indochinese countries. In all that time, we used our potential merely to become the great American pawn while the rest of Asia used theirs to pursue their own paths.

Today is the 105th anniversary of this country, courtesy of GMA's father who changed the day from July 4 to June 12. You wonder: We've liberated ourselves from Erap, but when will we ever liberate ourselves from America?

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# Prudence

**POLITICAL TIDBITS**

*Belinda Olivares-Cunanan*

I FEEL sorry for Roberto Lastimoso, chief of the Land Transportation Office and a decent person, that President Macapagal-Arroyo vented her famous *taray* on him and the LTO personnel during her recent unannounced visit. But I'm afraid GMA's outburst was completely justified. The LTO is a service office catering mainly to workers who are paid daily wages or earn only after they pay the daily "boundary" for their vehicles so it's important that the LTO's windows are open until the last hour of work. GMA arrived at 4 p.m. and found the windows closed, although Lastimoso argued that the tellers were counting the day's collections by then. Maybe so, but some windows should remain open until the designated closing time. Moreover, there have been many reports about some unscrupulous people making money in the drug-testing centers and from overpricing the mandatory early warning devices. Lastimoso should have moved fast enough against them.

GMA was protecting the public interest and the public should be happy with such displays of *taray* as it should spur government offices to better performance.

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**Defenders of Bishop Teodoro Bacani refuse to call his action toward his secretary, which, as he admitted, consisted of hugging her on one occasion in a show of affection "sexual harassment." They prefer to regard it, in the words of Bacani himself, as an "inappropriate gesture of fondness." But to my mind, this is a good occasion to remind people, especially the religious, about the beautiful virtue of prudence which seems to have been forgotten nowadays as people have become quite free with their displays of affection.**

**Priests particularly should be reminded that they cannot be too free with such displays as it could easily be misconstrued. Besides, people are only human, and as St. Josemaria Escriva, whose feast is coming on June 26, liked to point out, it's best to "keep one's heart under seven locks." It is always better for priests to maintain a distance from their parishioners. They can be warm and solicitous without being overly friendly or affectionate.**

**Prudence could take many forms, such as having another person in the room when a female guest comes for consultation, or bringing along a male companion when socializing. All these are commonsense steps that will help keep priests out of trouble, part of the survival kit that every profession has to make for itself. These steps are also part of the heroic dying to one's self in Christ that the religious swore to do when they took their sacred vows.**

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But prudence is a virtue that should be practiced not only by priests and religious but by everyone, including journalists, corporate executives and other professionals. As my late mother used to say, "*Makasalanan ang mata ng tao; wala ka pang ginagawa inaakusahan ka na.*" People's minds are also very fertile. In this connection, I laud the modern practice in companies of having transparent divisions between offices. It precludes hanky-panky and makes workers more efficient.

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**Tomorrow is a red-letter day for a small barangay in South Cotabato called Inug-Ug in the town of Pagalungan, about 45-minutes drive from Kidapawan City. President Macapagal-Arroyo and former President Cory Aquino will be there, and so will Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, CBCP president, Bishop Romulo Valles of the diocese, high-ranking military leaders and perhaps even MILF leaders, and representatives of various NGOs such as Mothers for Peace. They will join some 3,000 residents who are visiting their former barangay for the first time since the military assault on the Buliok Complex and other areas last February. The Inug-Ug residents are among the estimated 68,537 families now languishing in 169 evacuation centers set up by the government amid the recent conflict, and they have been living on relief goods and services from the government and various citizens' groups.**

**One such group is Tabang Mindanaw, a multisectoral initiative of business and private foundations, the Church and media like the INQUIRER, in partnership with the government. Tabang Mindanaw began as a citizens' response in 1998 to the people in Mindanao affected by the drought caused by El Niño. Since then it has become deeply involved in the rehabilitation of many areas ruined by armed conflicts in 2000 and recently, and has actively joined the clamor to bring the warring parties back to the negotiation table.**

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Tomorrow the refugees will return to Inug-Ug for the festivities marking the proclamation of this barangay as a "sanctuary for peace" under the auspices of Tabang Mindanaw. But the refugee families will have to go back to the evacuation centers, while carpenters, masons and other workmen build their new homes, schoolhouses, mosques and other buildings. More than just the rebuilding of houses at a cost of P20,000 each, Tabang Mindanaw envisions the rehabilitation of numerous lives dislocated by the war, a task that will probably take two and a half years at a cost of many millions to be raised from donations.

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**Capping tomorrow's festivities at Inug-Ug will be three declarations. One will establish the "sanctuary for peace," which means that both warring groups will stay out of the barangay and leave the local folks to run their own lives. As Quevedo explained to the media, Tabang Mindanao and its bishop partners have already developed 42 such "sanctuaries of peace" in Mindanao, and they are all holding up well. The second and third declarations to be made by the MILF and government forces will assure the safe return of the refugees to the barangay. Thus, for at least one day various efforts to bring peace to Mindanao will converge as they follow the same road map.**

# Fear grips Cambodia as polls near

**FEATURE**

*Ed Cropley*

The election campaign is shaping up to be dirtier than, if not as bloody as, those in previous years

KOMPONG CHAM, Cambodia—They may be worlds apart, but those pacing the lush green paddy fields of Cambodia and some in Washington's corridors of power share a common concern: the Southeast Asian nation's elections next month.

Scarred by decades of war and bloody turmoil, including the genocide of the Khmer Rouge, elections mean only one thing for many of deeply impoverished Cambodia's 13 million people: the possible return of strife, maybe even fighting.

A landmark United Nations-backed election in 1993 and the last general election five years later were both marred by violence, bitter disputes over the result and grave political crises.

"I am unsure what will happen," said Kim Peing, a teacher, at a recent political rally by Prime Minister Hun Sen and his ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP). "Now it is calm, but you never know what could happen. People are scared."

Meanwhile, for those in US foreign policy circles with a keen eye on the rebuilding of "failed states," the worry is that billions of dollars in international aid over the last decade have not created the liberal democracy they would wish.

Mitch McConnell, chair of the Senate's powerful foreign affairs appropriations committee and a staunch Republican, has even equated Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge guerrilla, to the military junta in nearby Myanmar. Although McConnell has toned down calls for "regime change" in Myanmar and Cambodia—a stance that appalled many diplomats in Phnom Penh—Secretary of State Colin Powell is due to follow up on what he has described as the Cambodian "situation" at a security summit in Phnom Penh on June 18.

Cambodia's undisputed leader from 1998 onwards, Hun Sen has brought the war-ravaged country its first five straight years of peace for nearly 40 years, although critics accuse him of ruling with an iron fist.

With his main rival for the last 10 years, the royalist party of Prince Norodom Ranariddh, divided and demoralized, Hun Sen's victory on July 27 is not in doubt, but despite this, Cambodia's 10-year-old democracy might appear fairly healthy. There is a vocal opposition, 23 parties are registered for the polls and the bright blue campaign signs of the three main parties adorn roadsides across the land. But the flame of political freedom is not burning quite as brightly as many in Washington might wish.

Normally happy to talk to journalists about anything under the sun, most ordinary people—at least in Kompong Cham, Cambodia's most populous and politically fractious province—clam up the moment politics is mentioned. "I dared to put up the party sign, but I don't dare talk about the elections," said Bunna, 43, an activist for the opposition Sam Rainsy Party, who would only give her first name.

In the countryside, shootings and violence—sometimes political, sometimes criminal—are common and few want to risk upsetting powerful grassroots officials, most of them part of Hun Sen's CPP machine.

The killings this year of a senior monk, a top royalist party aide and a prominent judge have sharpened the climate of fear, even though the government has blamed the shootings on crime, not politics.

Whatever the reasons, it is all grist to the mill of the anti-Hun Sen lobby on Capitol Hill.

"Murders of political activists, widespread intimidation and selective application of justice create a climate of impunity which curtails the ability of citizens to express their views freely," the International Republican Institute, a US Republican Party-funded pro-democracy body, said recently.

Government spokesperson Khieu Kanharith rejected the criticism, saying authorities and the National Election Commission were investigating every instance of alleged political intimidation or violence.

As the currency, the riel, wobbles against the dollar and businesses temporarily scale back investment, the election campaign is shaping up to be dirtier than, if not as bloody as, those in previous years.

In the midst of it all, there is little space for serious debate about policies or building a better society.

"Cambodians continue to have very limited notions about what a democracy offers them and how it should function," a study by the US-funded Asia Foundation concluded. "Voters still view their vote primarily as currency for political patronage."

*Reuters*

# Monsanto: 'Selling Food.Health.Hope™'?

**HUMAN FACE**

*Ma. Ceres P. Doyo*

"IMAGINE" is the catch word beside Monsanto in its corporate logo that also shows a leafy plant that is boxed in. The letters "a" and "g" in "Imagine" are of a different shade, obviously suggesting agriculture. After "Imagine" is the TM (trademark) superscript which means the word has been patented. So is "food.health.hope™," Monsanto's catchphrase. Imagine™.

"Imagine a world where giant chemical corporations control the food we eat, the seeds we grow and the water we drink. Imagine a world where it is not even possible to save a seed without facing up to seven years in prison; a world where tomatoes contain the genes of fish, and the seeds of our plants are genetically altered to be sterile. Imagine a world where the water and air are poisoned.

"Welcome to Monsanto's world, the world that Monsanto is creating right now and which will be ours if we don't stand up to stop it."

Those words and the scenario it conjures up are from the introduction to the booklet "Selling Food.Health.Hope™: The Real Story Behind the Monsanto Corporation" by Sarah Wright and recently launched here by non-government organizations opposed to the commercialization of Bt corn.

The genetically altered Bt corn, produced by Monsanto, recently triggered a tempest and a month-long hunger strike by a handful of farmers and scientists and supported by various NGOs. The protests led to a Senate hearing.

Wright, an Australian and a doctoral candidate, was a visiting research fellow of the Social Science Research Council of Washington, D.C. She had spent time in the Philippines and was here for the launching of her written work last week after which she went back to the University of Washington.

I hope Wright does not suffer like Rachel Carson, author of the acclaimed "Silent Spring." The late Carson was a prophetic voice in the environmental movement who exposed the dangers of pesticides long before we learned to correctly pronounce the word "ecology." Monsanto had mounted an advertising campaign to discredit Carson and her work. Similar things happened to other scientists and journalists, too.

Wright brings together a wealth of information about Monsanto, the world's largest multinational agrochemical corporation that projects itself as clean and green. Wright's report demolishes that, and stresses that Monsanto "has lied, misrepresented facts, poisoned people and the earth, and put profit before its workers, consumers, farmers, children and communities time and again."

Monsanto was established in 1901 in St. Louis, Missouri. It produced saccharin initially. Today it is a giant, with $4.5 billion in sales in 2002. Monsanto operates in more than 60 countries and has major chemical manufacturing facilities in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil and the United States, and land parcels, manufacturing and agricultural facilities in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America.

Wright reports that in 2002 Monsanto became a pure biotechnology and herbicide company. With anti-GMO (genetically modified organisms) protests mounting, Monsanto suffered setbacks and announced job cuts. Monsanto was also involved in antitrust lawsuits for alleged price fixing in its top-selling Roundup weed killer. With Roundup threatened by other brands, Monsanto developed genetically engineered seeds tolerant to Roundup to ensure continued demand.

But that is not the only bombshell Wright wants to explode. There are secrets that Monsanto wants to hide from the public, she says. Wright uncovers Monsanto's "history of profiteering from poisons, the secrets of its misleading and dirty science, important political connections that it has made, and its new and dangerous forays into the world of genetic engineering."

Wright says that Monsanto's record shows that it is a company that cannot be trusted, that it has poisoned communities and ecosystems, created poisons for warfare, pumped millions of pounds of chemicals into rivers and streams.

This is the corporation that is now trying to gain control over the world's food system.

Monsanto was a major producer of Agent Orange, the lethal herbicide that the United States used as a defoliant in Vietnam. Today, both US war vets and Vietnamese soldiers and civilians continue to suffer the effects of Agent Orange's toxicity. US veterans sued Monsanto after the end of the Vietnam war. An out-of-court settlement had Monsanto paying some $80 million in damages to US war veterans while the Vietnamese victims received nothing.

Today Monsanto's Roundup is also used by the United States to spray from the air coca plants in Colombia. Farmers and indigenous groups have suffered from this. So have livestock and fish. Other crops, rivers, lakes and creeks have been poisoned, too.

The Wright report reveals that Monsanto developed and sold polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) which were considered toxic organochlorines linked to birth defects, infertility and impaired mental function, weak immune system and cancer. PCBs have now been banned.

Some 3,500 residents of Anniston in Alabama filed a major environmental lawsuit against Monsanto for poisoning and covering up when it operated a plant that produced PCB. Monsanto was found guilty.

There is so much more than could be included here. Wright's report, published on June 2003 by Masipag (masipag@mozcom.com), Resist and Pressure Point, is a horror story that needs to be told. Worse than sci-fi. Wright's numerous sources (close to a hundred) are listed at the end of the report so she couldn't have "imagined" it all.

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# To be great

**YOUNG BLOOD**

*Therese Anne Lim*

*We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.*

EVERY DAY I see the same people on the TV screen or plastered on the covers of magazines and the pages of newspapers, even websites on the Internet. I see their names on shiny books, their bylines in leading newspapers, their lavish houses on Architectural Digest. I have read their writings and seen proofs of their talents. They have entertained me, inspired me and encouraged my own dreams. But more often, they have made me ponder in solitude and sometimes they have made me doubt myself.

There are thousands of them out there, each with his own achievement, his own award and his own legacy in every field imaginable. Every day I read about their greatness. Some are successful, some are famous, and some are poor, but all are alive in the hearts and minds of the people.

I once thought that the surest way to becoming great was winning the Nobel Prize, the Pulitzer Prize or the Oscar. Either that or by being consigned to build monuments or paint murals of naked women for the king.

Lately though I've become impatient. Is it just me, or is every person here on earth consumed by an intense desire to rise above the ordinary, be recognized at a young age and achieve renown? Mozart composed his first piece at 5. Nadia Comaneci scored perfect 10s when she was 14. This unbelievable Indian guy got his master's degree in physics at age 12. So at age 17, boy do I feel old.

Greatness in the minds of many is measured by how much one achieves on this earth and how soon. Whether it is discovering a cure for a disease, climbing Mt. Everest, being president of the United States or delivering the greatest speeches since Winston Churchill, the world moves forward everyday because of one man's push. This is what all those award-giving bodies recognize when they hand out those statuettes.

But for many others, including myself, one's accomplishment, no matter how early it is done, is only part of the equation.

Greatness is knowing your place on earth, and being careful not to overstep its bounds. It is being able to reach the stars while keeping your feet firmly planted on the ground. And your legacy is better appreciated if it comes from a noble heart and a sharp mind.

Greatness is daring to fail, and not failing to dare. Most great people secured their place in history by taking risks and going against the odds. When they failed, at least they didn't regret not even having tried. And when they triumphed, well, you know what happened afterwards. The point is, nobody ever made a name for himself by saying no to the opportunities that came his way. To protect one's reputation by inaction is to destroy one's chances of exceeding one's capabilities. After all, greatness comes from surprising yourself by doing better than you thought.

Greatness does not mean getting your way all the time, but getting half your way all the time. If you are prone to imposing your decisions on others, you are more likely to be called "Rambunctious Billy" behind your back than knighted as "Sir William."

Greatness is the ability to make peace, not war. Getting two stubborn parties to sign a peace deal is usually more difficult than dropping bombs on a city. And it is also more rewarding. In these troubled and uncertain times, let us try to keep the war zone as far away from our homes as possible. At the risk of sounding like a TV evangelist, I would say let us love one another.

Greatness is not the attainment of fame or notoriety, it is the consummation of humility. You are truly great if you can accomplish something without expecting a media frenzy. For greatness is also sincerity of purpose.

Greatness is not achieved by amassing material wealth, but using that wealth in the service of others.

Greatness comes not so much with the discovery of the unknown as with the discovery of yourself and others. You might spend your whole life chasing planets, but you can still be happy chasing your little daughter (or dog) in the park.

Greatness involves the ability to be proud of one's roots, heritage and country. It comes when we are inspired to promote the nation's progress instead of working for ourselves abroad. To be truly great is to take up a cause, and there is perhaps no greater cause than promoting the interests and well-being of one's own country.

Greatness is openness. It is understanding that before we are Filipinos, Spanish and Chinese, we are first and foremost citizens of the same earth. While we may hold different opinions and come from different races and cultures, we defend each other out of respect for our common humanity.

Greatness does not depend on youth or old age. Greatness is maturity.

Greatness is not found in the end, but in the means. It is found where integrity and principles lie. It cannot be faked or manipulated. It can be veiled at times, but it is never hidden for eternity.

Greatness can be equated with heroism. At the age of 17, with all my dreams of success, fame and wealth, this is what I have come to understand: Much as I want to be a hero at such a young age, I cannot. Heroes are almost always ordinary people who do the unexpected. People do not consciously strike out to become heroes. They strive to live, love and be happy. And sometimes, if they're lucky, they get honored by others.

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**THEY SAID**

## Divorced from politics

"Do not misappropriate the gains of my state visit in favor of whatever they may imagine to be my political plans in 2004."

*—President Macapagal-Arroyo's appeal to both detractors and supporters during her recent state visit to the United States*

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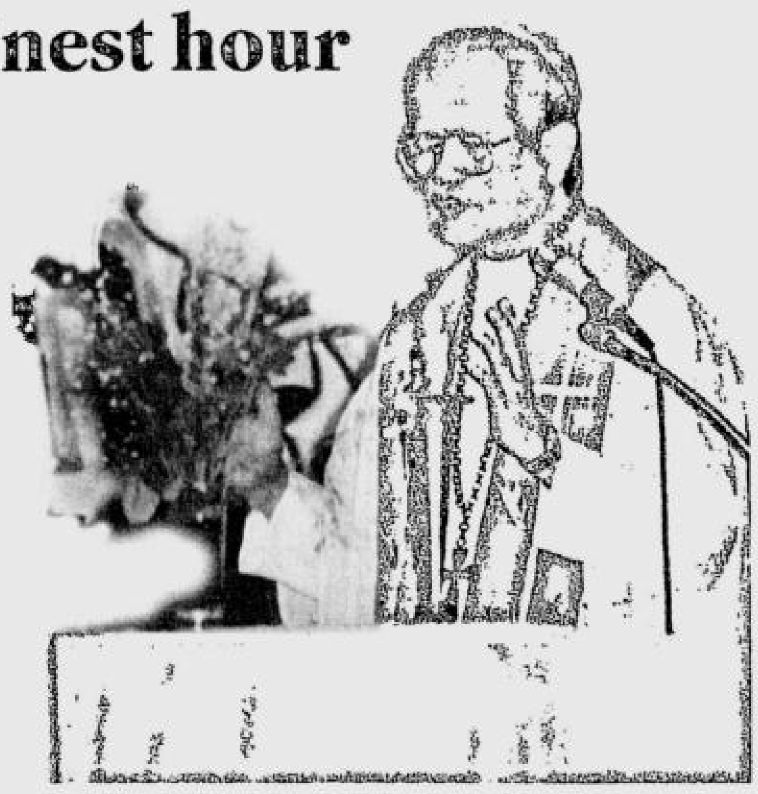
# Bacani's finest hour



MY name is Ana and Bishop Ted (Bacani), as we fondly call him in the family, has been a constant and long-standing father confessor, spiritual guide and friend. It was he who gave me a healing confession when my faith was rocked by a neophyte priest who refused to give me absolution because he did not think that my voice conveyed enough repentance when I was in the confessional. It was Bishop Ted who restored my belief in confession. It was he who told me that we confess to God and not to men, who by virtue of being men, can make mistakes.

I am writing because the bishop will not do it. He is in the United States with his mother. Over the many years that I have known him, I believe this is his finest hour as a man of God, a man of the Church and a man of faith.

Bishop Ted has denied the allegations. But why not more forcefully? I asked. And why apologize? The cynics among us—and they are many of us—will see the apology as an admission of wrongdoing.

Before he left, his phone was ringing non-stop with requests for interviews from different TV networks and radio stations. Why not use them as a forum to explain your side? I asked. Why must you let them destroy everything you have worked for and hurt you and your family and the many people who love you? Why?

His answer was he belongs to the Church, and must think of the Church above all. And I might have added: Because to add fuel to the fire would only rock a Church that is already heavily burdened. Because to deny vociferously would only fan the flames of scandal on which the media and the public have been feasting. Because to offer the other cheek when you have been slapped on the other is what Christ taught us. Because the sacrifice of one man's reputation and life's work is a price he should be willing to pay if it would give the Church a much-needed reprieve from the scandal. Because he is Bishop Bacani, whose charisma, intelligence and wide and varied following are well-known.

So the bishop has withdrawn, but only to move to a different arena than the unwelcome daily publicity he has been getting. He has advanced to a more elevated and spiritual plain, where hopefully he will find solace, peace and God.

I think God loves Bishop Bacani very much. For not very many are given the chance to be instruments of learning. For here is a man who has so much to lose by not fighting back and yet he has chosen to step aside. Here is a man whose name is being dragged into carnal scandal but he chooses to arm himself with the wisdom and strength of the spiritual.

Sunday night, after Bishop Ted celebrated Mass at our house, he bade us goodbye. He did not say when he would be back. He did not know if the scorching publicity would cost him his diocese. He has surrendered himself completely to the judgment of the Church. And still, he can smile. He is doing this for his Church. He is doing this for God.

**—ANA DE VILLA-SINGSON,**
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## Smoking gun on genetic engineering

FINALLY, here's proof that genetic engineering, the technology used to create Bt corn, can cause cancer.

Two children who were undergoing gene therapy for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (SCID) have instead developed leukemia, a type of cancer. (See Nature 419, 545 546; 2002. You can also search the Web for SCID gene therapy and leukemia.)

The therapy uses a gutted virus as a "carrier" to transfer corrective genes into a patient's cells. But if the carrier manages to make itself part of a cell's genes, it can make the cell cancerous. The leukemia developed by the two child patients is proof that this can actually happen.

This process is similar to the one used in creating Bt corn, where a portion of a gutted virus called the Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (CaMV) promoter was used to transfer the Bt toxin gene into corn. The gene, together with the promoter, are then ingested by animals and people who eat the corn. The CaMV promoter is used not only in Bt corn but also in GMO rice and GMO cotton which will soon be field-tested in the Philippines.

The Bt corn lobby has been asking for proof. Here's the proof, the smoking gun, that genetic engineering can cause cancer.

More than ever, we need to stop Bt corn distribution now, before these cancer risks irreversibly contaminate our local corn varieties.

We challenge the scientists and bureaucrats behind the Bt corn lobby to face-to-face debates before the media and the public, where their lies and false claims can be easily exposed.

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## Retirees should watch SSS developments

WE thank columnist Neal Cruz who commented in several columns some time ago on irregularities in the Social Security System, based on COA and KPMG audit reports. We wish there were more of them.

The Philippine Association of Retired Persons (PARP) has called attention to SSS losses in investments and loans, and has urged the SSS to act to recover those losses and to punish the erring executives. But SSS president Cora de la Paz would rather let sleeping dogs lie and lying dogs sleep. PARP, instead of the SSS, the aggrieved party, had to take action on those losses.

PARP has issued a wake-up call to the 24 million SSS members to alert them to the precarious situation of the SSS and has submitted to congressmen a petition to have the SSS investigated. Increasing membership in PARP indicates that the sleeping giant is beginning to stir and, with the forthcoming elections, PARP will not be lacking in champions.

It is about time that the SSS members awakened and did something about the situation at the SSS.

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## Good citizenship for national progress

WE have had two bloodless and peaceful revolutions. Yet nothing seems to have changed because we just changed our leaders, not ourselves. We keep blaming our political leaders for the mess we are in. We keep demanding good governance from them but have not demanded anything from ourselves.

If we demand good governance from those in public office, we must put up a counterpart, and this is good citizenship. And how do we become good citizens? By living according to values enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution: faith in God, unity, patriotism, hard work, respect for life, respect for law and government, truth, justice, freedom, love, equality, peace, promotion of the common good, concern for the family and future generations, concern for the environment and order.

These are things we value as a people. These are values that will make us good citizens, if we live by them. They must be translated into concrete action in all aspects of our lives at all times. If we do this, all our actions no matter how humble will become the building blocks of a progressive nation.

The values of good citizenship are nothing new. We do not need to learn them. We know them. What is lacking is the will to live by them.

How shall we move from knowing them to living by them? We only have to take a look at the mess we are in to realize that it is the absence of these values that brought it about: sinfulness, discord, greed and selfishness, indolence, violence and murder, anarchy, intrigue and mudslinging, oppression, exploitation, hatred, war, broken homes, environmental degradation, violation of human rights. And then we should ask ourselves: Is this the world I want to live in? Shall I be part of the problem or part of the solution?

We have to decide: Yes, I want a better country. Yes, I will live by these values at all times, no matter the cost. Because living by these values is the only way to turn things around, to have a better world.

Sometimes, it will not be easy to do. There will be a price to pay. But like all good works it will bear good fruit, maybe not in the short term, but in the long term.

If we are to build a better nation, it is not enough to demand good governance. We have to make demands from ourselves.

Let us not leave the future in the hands of our leaders alone. We can transform this country from below. If we cannot find heroes among our leaders, let us find them among the ordinary people—those who build our nation through the truly heroic act of being good citizens day after day all the days of their lives.

**—TERESITA D. BALTAZAR,**
**Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!**
**Advocacy Campaign**

## Bishop erred in claiming Newsbreak errors

IN HIS statement last June 8, Bishop Teodoro Bacani Jr. said: "The main source of these speculations [the Newsbreak article by Aries Rufo] even wrongly places the alleged incident in my house in Fairview, where I did not start to live till after Easter Sunday, April 20, 2003, while the incident in question was supposed to have happened on March 26. He further alleges that some people demonstrated to oust me from Paco when I was parish priest there, something which never happened."

The bishop got it all wrong. In our June 23 cover story, we wrote: "[Fr. Gerardo Tapiador, St. Peter's Church parish priest and Bacani's deputy] had reasons to be bothered. The alleged harassment took place in Tapiador's residence, where Bacani temporarily held office after the latter's installation as Novaliches bishop in January this year."

We also stand by our claim, which we got from sources in the Catholic Church as well as some media personnel who covered it, that a protest rally was indeed staged against Bacani when he was still parish priest of Paco.

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# Ma'am Cecille

**PINOY KASI**

*Michael L. Tan*

LET me tell you the extraordinary story of Dr. Cecilia Pestaño Serrano, Ma'am Cecille to several generations of students and faculty at UP Diliman, who is retiring as a political science professor and as college secretary of the College of Social Science and Philosophy. She retires after 35 years of service that included very productive stints at the office of the university registrar, and as the CSSP associate dean for the graduate program.

I have to be frank and say that until I took up an administrative position in UP two years ago, I did not know Ma'am Cecille. My life in UP had mainly revolved around teaching, but as chair of the anthropology department, I suddenly found myself having to figure out the university's many rules, regulations and procedures.

Particularly confusing were the rules for graduate students. Fortunately, Ma'am Cecille was the associate dean for the graduate program when I started as chair, and she knew every rule in the book. Early on, I had to refer a case to her, a student who had gone on leave and wanted to return to our department. She sent back a handwritten note pointing out the student had actually enrolled in another degree program while she was on leave, and had done so without notifying our department. I was dumbfounded. Ma'am Cecille could not have found that out if she had not combed through the student's records.

I learned she was always this thorough with all cases referred to her office. With time, I actually looked forward to her memos, with her trademark handwriting, fine and systematic. While memos usually mean more assignments, or bad news, Ma'am Cecille's were always reassuring, helping to clarify issues and lighten my work load.

Ma'am Cecille knew the rules, and that is important for making government run. But there was another more impressive side to her work, and this was her resilience. Precisely because she knew the rules, she would also find ways to implement those rules without making life harder for the faculty or students.

I'll give an example here. One night a few months back, I got a phone call from Ma'am Cecille, who was now college secretary. She was apologetic about calling so late; it was past 8 at night and I was wondering why she and her staff was still at the office. It turned out that they were processing certificates for candidacy from students intending to run in council elections. Ma'am Cecille needed to clarify the status of one of the candidates, a student from my department. The student was not on a full academic load, a requirement for candidacy. I explained that in the anthropology curriculum, students often end up with underloading in one semester because they have to wait for a field school to be offered.

Easy enough, Ma'am Cecille assured me. All I needed to do was to write a letter explaining what had happened so the student could run. Here was another example of Ma'am Cecille at work: she was working overtime, reviewing a thick file of students' certificates of candidacy and had identified a problem. But she wasn't about to stop there. She looked for the solutions right away. The next day, a Saturday mind you, I dashed off the letter and the matter was resolved. The student was amazed at how fast we handled her case.

But that's Ma'am Cecille for you, reminding me of the bamboo metaphor sometimes used to describe Asians. The bamboo will remain standing even when assaulted by the strongest winds, and it does that because it is resilient enough to bend. Bending without breaking—that's what we need in government and in governance.

At a testimonial the college hosted for her last week, Ma'am Cecille talked about her life at UP. She had started as a clerk in 1967, working at the College of Medicine in Padre Faura before moving to Diliman. As her children grew up, she became conscious about having only finished her first year in college. The kids would ask what to fill out in the school forms when asked about their mother's occupation. Ma'am Cecille went back to school and over 18 years, finished not just a bachelor's degree but went on for a master's and a doctorate. Not only that, widowed 15 years ago, she was able to get her own children through college, all with UP degrees (two are lawyers, one is a physician and one is a management consultant).

Listening to Ma'am Cecille, I finally realized what had transformed her into a Bamboo Lady, someone strict with the rules, yet able to be flexible when needed.

Let me end with one more little story. Last April during our commencement exercises, we suddenly realized, with horror, that three honor students from our college were missing from a list and were in danger of being excluded from the awarding of medals. The students were distraught, understandably so, with their families attending the ceremonies.

Two of Ma'am Cecille's assistants, Arnold Alamon and Rowena Bailon, moved swiftly, texting and calling on their cell phones to find a solution. In the end, Rowena literally had to sprint back to the college, several hundred meters away from our commencement grounds, to untangle the mess. Waiting with the students, I was anxious but wasn't too worried because I knew Ma'am Cecille was working on her end too. The students got their medals and I realized, watching Arnold and Rowena, how Ma'am Cecille had inspired younger staff to be as committed as she was to public service.

I have no doubts that there are many people like Ma'am Cecille in government, running hospitals and feeding centers and schools, making sure students are properly enrolled each year until they finish, and getting them graduated with the pomp and honor they deserve.

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# The WORLD

Editor **Luverne B. Gueco**

# Dems seek US Senate inquiry on Iraq

**WASHINGTON—Senate Democrats said on Tuesday that a congressional inquiry was needed urgently to settle questions over whether US intelligence on Iraq's weapons was exaggerated to bring on the war, but Republicans called for patience.**

Top Democrats on two key Senate committees pressed Republicans to say whether they will agree to a probe of intelligence that prompted the Bush administration to brand Iraq an imminent threat to the United States.

"This is one of the larger issues that's come before this place in a long time," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the senior Intelligence Committee Democrat. "I think we ought to be starting." Concerns have been growing worldwide that the banned arsenal that President George W. Bush cited as a reason for launching the war has not been found in the weeks since the ousting of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Rockefeller and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, top Armed Services Committee Democrat, last week called for a joint committee investigation into whether the intelligence was flawed or manipulated to boost the case for war.

Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican who chairs the Intelligence Committee, said talks were ongoing with Democrats on how to proceed with an inquiry. But he stuck with his position that lawmakers first should review documents supplied by the administration before deciding how to continue.

Another Republican on the Intelligence Committee, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, said he opposed joint hearings which he said would be premature.

"I've got a bright idea. How about senators reading the evidence before we start talking?" Lott said.

He said the CIA was to deliver some 100 pages of material and more was coming.

Rockefeller and Levin said lawmakers should not be satisfied with the CIA handouts, but should demand other documents and question intelligence and administration officials.

Levin said he felt there was "some evidence" that the administration inflated intelligence to indicate Iraq had weapons immediately before the war, and on an alleged al-Qaida-Iraq link. *Reuters*

## *Blix slams US 'bastards' for smear drive*

LONDON—Chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix said in a newspaper interview published Wednesday that "bastards" in Washington took part in a smear campaign against him in the run-up to the Iraq war.

The normally cool Swede, who is due to retire from his UN post at the end of the month, also said US officials pressured him to use more damning language when reporting on Iraq's alleged weapons programs.

"By and large my relations with the US were good," Blix was quoted as saying in The Guardian daily. "But toward the end the (Bush) administration leaned on us."

Blix, who oversaw a fruitless search for Iraqi weapons during 3 1/2 months, said that "at a lower level," he was probably the target of a smear campaign by US officials wishing to discredit him.

"I have my detractors in Washington. There are bastards who spread things around, of course, who planted nasty things in the media," he was quoted as telling The Guardian. "Not that I cared very much. It was like a mosquito bite in the evening that is there in the morning, an irritant." *AP*

## At least 3,240 Iraqi civilians died in war—AP

BAGHDAD, Iraq—At least 3,240 civilians died across Iraq during a month of war, including 1,896 in Baghdad, according to a five-week Associated Press investigation.

The count is still fragmentary, and the complete toll—if it is ever tallied—is sure to be significantly higher.

Several surveys have looked at civilian casualties within Baghdad, but the AP tally is the first attempt to gauge the scale of such deaths from one end of the country to the other, from Mosul in the north to Basra in the south.

The AP count was based on records from 60 of Iraq's 124 hospitals—including almost all of the large facilities—and covers the period between March 20, when the war began, and April 20, when fighting was dying down and coalition forces announced they would soon declare major combat over.

AP journalists traveled to all of these hospitals, studying their logs, examining death certificates where available and interviewing officials about what they witnessed.

Many of the other 64 hospitals are in small towns and were not visited because they are in dangerous or inaccessible areas. Some hospitals that were visited had incomplete or war-damaged casualty records.

Even if hospital records were complete, they would not tell the full story. Many of the dead were never taken to hospitals, either buried quickly by their families in accordance with Islamic custom, or lost under rubble.

The AP excluded all counts done by hospitals whose written records did not distinguish between civilian and military dead, which means hundreds, possibly thousands of victims in Iraq's largest cities. Most intense battles aren't reflected in the total.

During the first weeks of the war, the Iraqi government made its own attempt to keep track of civilian deaths, but that effort fell apart as US troops neared Baghdad and the government began to topple.

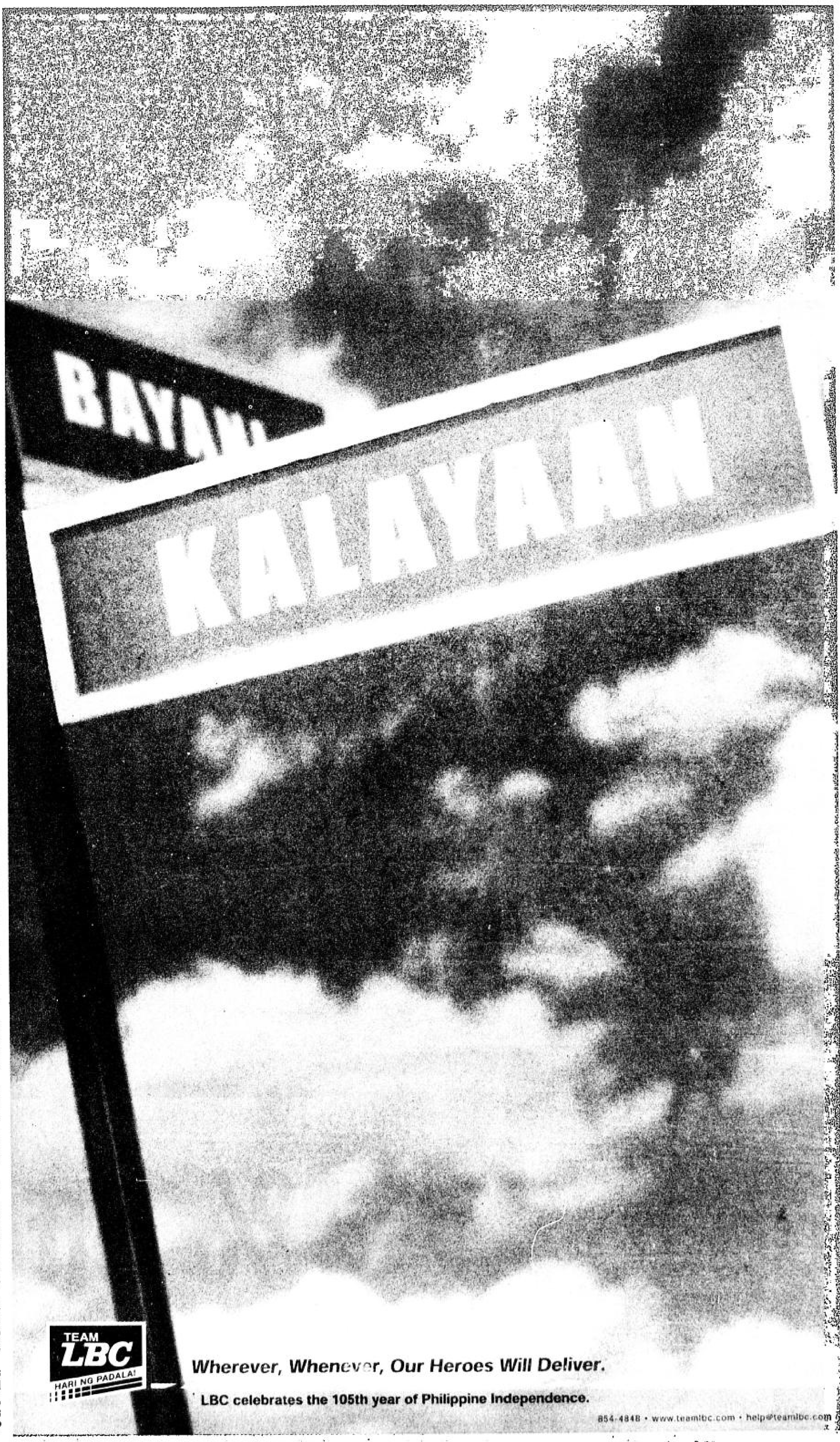
Lt. Col. Jim Cassella, a Pentagon spokesperson, said Tuesday that the US military did not count civilian casualties. "Our efforts focus on destroying the enemy's capabilities, so we never target civilians and have no reason to try to count such unintended deaths," he said.

The British Defense Ministry said it didn't count casualties either.

In the 1991 Gulf War an estimated 2,278 civilians were killed, according to Iraqi civil defense authorities. No US or independent count is known to have been made. That war consisted of seven weeks of bombing and 100 hours of ground war, and US forces did not enter any Iraqi cities.

This time it was very different. In a war in which the Iraqi soldiery melted into crowded cities, changed into plainclothes or wore no uniform to begin with, separating civilian and military casualties is often impossible.

Witnesses say Saddam Hussein's fighters attacked from ambulances and taxis and donned women's chadors or Bedouin robes, creating an atmosphere in which US troops couldn't be sure who their enemy was. *AP*



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# World presses release of Suu Kyi

LONDON—Governments and human rights groups pressed Burma's military government on Tuesday to release Aung San Suu Kyi and other members of her opposition National League for Democracy (NLD).

They welcomed the junta's decision to allow Suu Kyi to meet United Nations envoy Razali Iṣmail, who said she had escaped unhurt after violence erupted near her convoy on May 30.

Suu Kyi has been detained since the clashes between pro-government groups and her supporters as her convoy toured a provincial town in the north of the former Burma. For days, there had been no news about her health or whereabouts.

Western governments were pleased by Tuesday's news but wanted more.

The US Department of State noted that Suu Kyi was still in isolated detention and said Washington was still deeply worried about her welfare and that of other detained NLD members.

"The Burmese regime's continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi and that of other members of her party is outrageous, it's shameful, it's unacceptable," a spokesperson said.

"Clearly the clock of Burma's progress toward democracy has effectively been turned back." Former colonial master Britain said letting her see the envoy was only a part of what was needed.

"We still remain seriously worried about the fate and the whereabouts of NLD vice chair U Tin Oo and many of the other NLD members who were caught up in the attacks of May 30," said a Foreign Office spokesperson.

Berlin echoed the sentiments and Paris said it was "more than ever before attached to the process of reconciliation in Burma."

Suu Kyi, a pro-democracy campaigner and Nobel peace prize winner, has spent much of the past 14 years under house arrest.

A spokesperson said UN Secretary General Kofi Annan had strongly urged Burma to release NLD leaders "and begin a dialogue aimed at national reconciliation without further delay."

Rights groups were skeptical about the junta's motives.

"It (the meeting) is yet another small step by the junta to try and appease the international community in the absence of real steps," said Anne-Christine Habbard, secretary general of the Paris-based International Federation for Human Rights.

British group Burma Campaign UK urged the UN to impose "targeted sanctions ... that will hit the economic lifeline of the dictatorship but will not harm ordinary people."

"We are not asking for an invasion, just that we stop doing business with them," said the group.

In Asia, campaigners said the issue should be raised at the Asean foreign ministers' meeting in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh starting Thursday.

One Thai-based Burma dissident said the UN envoy and Suu Kyi were playing down her injuries in the interests of peace. *Reuters*

**A DELTA II rocket lifts off from the Cape Canaveral, Fla. Air Force Station carrying a Mars rover June 10. The rover is scheduled to land on Mars in January 2004.** AP/NASA

# Robot rover heads to Mars on water search

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—Nasa launched the first of two robotic rovers to Mars on Tuesday in an international quest to determine if life ever existed on the red planet.

After two days of weather delays, the Mars Exploration Rover, nicknamed "Spirit," lifted off from Cape Canaveral as part of a global fleet of probes sent to Mars.

If the rover Spirit and its twin, Opportunity, which is scheduled to be launched later this month, succeed, scientists will know if ancient, now-vanished, water sources on Mars were there long enough for life to emerge.

Mars is a perilous destination for spacecraft. Of 30 missions launched by various nations over the years, only 12 have succeeded. Landing on the surface is even harder, with just three of nine attempts ending in success.

"We celebrate in just small steps, one at a time. The launch is just the beginning of the journey," Orlando Figueroa, the Nasa Mars program manager, told reporters after the launch.

The rovers will join Japanese and European satellites on their way to Mars and two Nasa satellites already orbiting there. The launches take advantage of a rare proximity between the planets that has cut the normal travel time to seven months from the usual nine to 10 months for missions launched this year.

The two Mars explorers, worth a combined $800 million and each about the size of a golf cart, are wrapped inside a landing craft that will descend by parachute to Mars after a seven-month, 498-million-km voyage.

After nine balloons have deployed, completely enveloping the landing craft, it will bounce along like a toy on the Martian surface as much as a 1.6-km before coming to rest.

Large petals on the landing craft will then open like a flower, allowing the six-wheeled rover to roll off and begin its exploration.

"It'll take us about four days in all to get completely off the lander and get what we call six wheels on the ground," said Peter Theisinger, the mission manager.

The solar-powered rovers will land where scientists think large bodies of water once formed, before some cataclysmic event or epoch stripped Mars of most of its atmosphere, causing much of its surface water to boil away. *Reuters*

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### Iranians protest

TEHRAN—Thousands of Iranians took to the streets in the early hours of Wednesday, chanting anti-government slogans in largely peaceful protests after police surrounded a Tehran student dormitory, witnesses said.

Uniformed and plainclothes police officers with batons later moved to break up the protest, but there were no major clashes and witnesses said they saw only a handful of arrests.

But several motorcycles were torched and some shops' windows and a state bank were smashed as demonstrators dispersed. Residents said a student protest over plans to privatize universities developed into a political demonstration by some 3,000 people. *Reuters*

### Taiwan hits travel warning

TAIPEI—Taiwan's health authorities Wednesday protested what they called an "unfair" decision by the World Health Organization (WHO) to maintain an advisory warning against travel to the island despite the waning spread of SARS here.

The world health body, which has denied Taiwanese membership due to political sensitivities involving its recognition of mainland China, rejected Monday the island's request for removal from the travel warning it issued in May.

The total number of SARS infections reached 687 Wednesday after Taiwan's Center for Disease Control (CDC) added two cases and dropped one cleared of the deadly virus.

The death toll has remained at 81 since May 29. *AFP*

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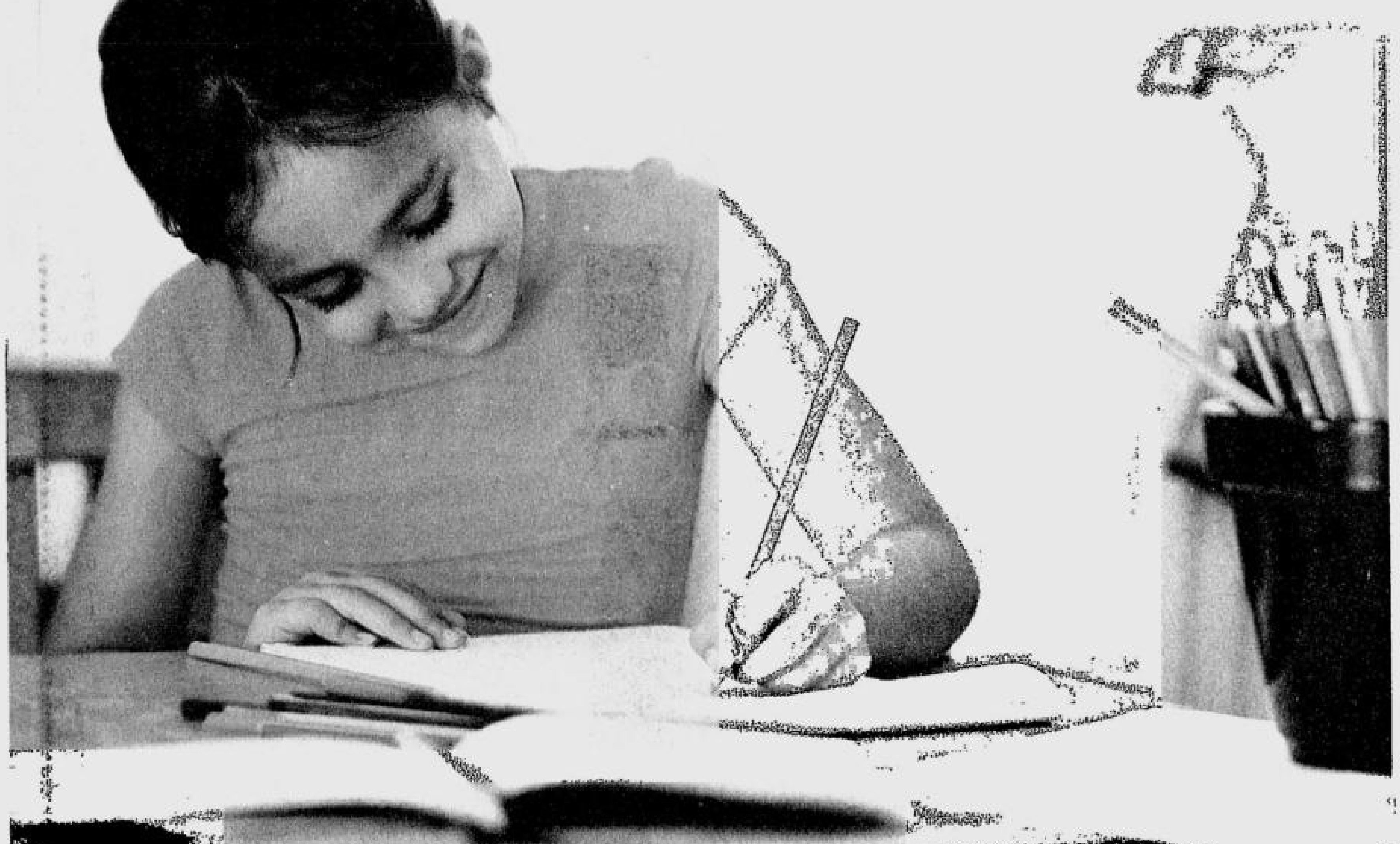

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# Bush raps Israel slay bids on Hamas leaders

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush scolded Israel for its attempts on the lives of Hamas extremists, as he prepares to meet with UN chief Kofi Annan Wednesday to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

"I am troubled by the recent Israeli helicopter gunship attacks. I regret the loss of innocent life," Bush told reporters Tuesday as he met in the Oval Office with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni.

Israel admitted it launched a failed attempt to kill Hamas leader Abdul Aziz al-Rantissi in Gaza City, which left at least two people dead and more than 25 others wounded. It later launched a second helicopter raid that killed three more Palestinians following rocket attacks on Israel.

"I'm concerned that the attacks will make it more difficult for the Palestinian leadership to fight off terrorist attacks. I also don't believe the attacks help the Israelis' security," said Bush.

"I am determined to keep the process on the road to peace, and I believe, with responsible leadership by all parties, we can bring peace to the region. And I emphasize, all parties must behave responsibly to achieve that objective," he added.

On hearing of the first attack, Bush ordered top officials including national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs William Burns to reach out to their Israeli and Palestinian counterparts and convey that message.

"A rather full-court press has been made" in a bid to forestall a new cycle of violence and to assure both sides of Washington's commitment to the peace process, said White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer.

Bush was to discuss the Middle East crisis with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, who planned to visit the US capital on Wednesday. Annan will also meet with Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

On Monday, UN sources said Annan and Powell would prepare a meeting of the so-called international Quartet—which also includes Russia and the European Union—to be held in Amman, Jordan, around the end of next week.

Al-Rantissi suffered leg, arm and chest wounds. Witnesses said the aircraft fired five or six rockets on the 55-year-old man's car and another vehicle parked nearby in central Gaza.

Only moments after undergoing surgery on his leg, Rantissi declared from his hospital bed: "By God we will not leave one Jew in Palestine." The rare burst of White House criticism at Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government came after Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmud Abbas demanded immediate US action following the raid, which he branded a "terrorist attack." *AFP*

## *Israel has long targeted extremists*

ISRAEL has a decades-long record of operations aimed at killing leaders of violent groups responsible for deaths of Israelis. Here are some of the most prominent strikes:

- February 1973: Israeli commandos enter Beirut by sea and kill three senior PLO leaders. One of the commanders was Ehud Barak, who later became Israel's prime minister.
- January 1979: Israeli agents kill Ali Hassan Salameh in a bomb explosion in Beirut. Salameh planned the 1972 attack in Munich, in which 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team were killed.
- April 1988: Israeli agents assassinate Khalid al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), Yasser Arafat's deputy in the PLO and commander of operations in the West Bank.
- February 1992: Lebanese Hezbollah leader Sheik Abbas Musawi is killed in south Lebanon in an Israeli helicopter strike.
- October 1995: Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shakaki is killed by gunmen in Malta. Israel is assumed to be responsible but does not comment officially.
- January 1996: Hamas master bombmaker Yehiyeh Ayyash is killed in the explosion of a booby-trapped cellular telephone in Gaza. Israel is assumed to be responsible.
- September 1997: Two Israeli Mossad agents are arrested in Jordan after a botched effort to assassinate Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal.
- January 2002: Raed Karmi, leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in the West Bank, is killed in an Israeli attack.
- July 2002: Hamas commander Salah Shehadeh is killed with 14 other people when Israeli plane drops one-ton bomb on his Gaza house. *AP*

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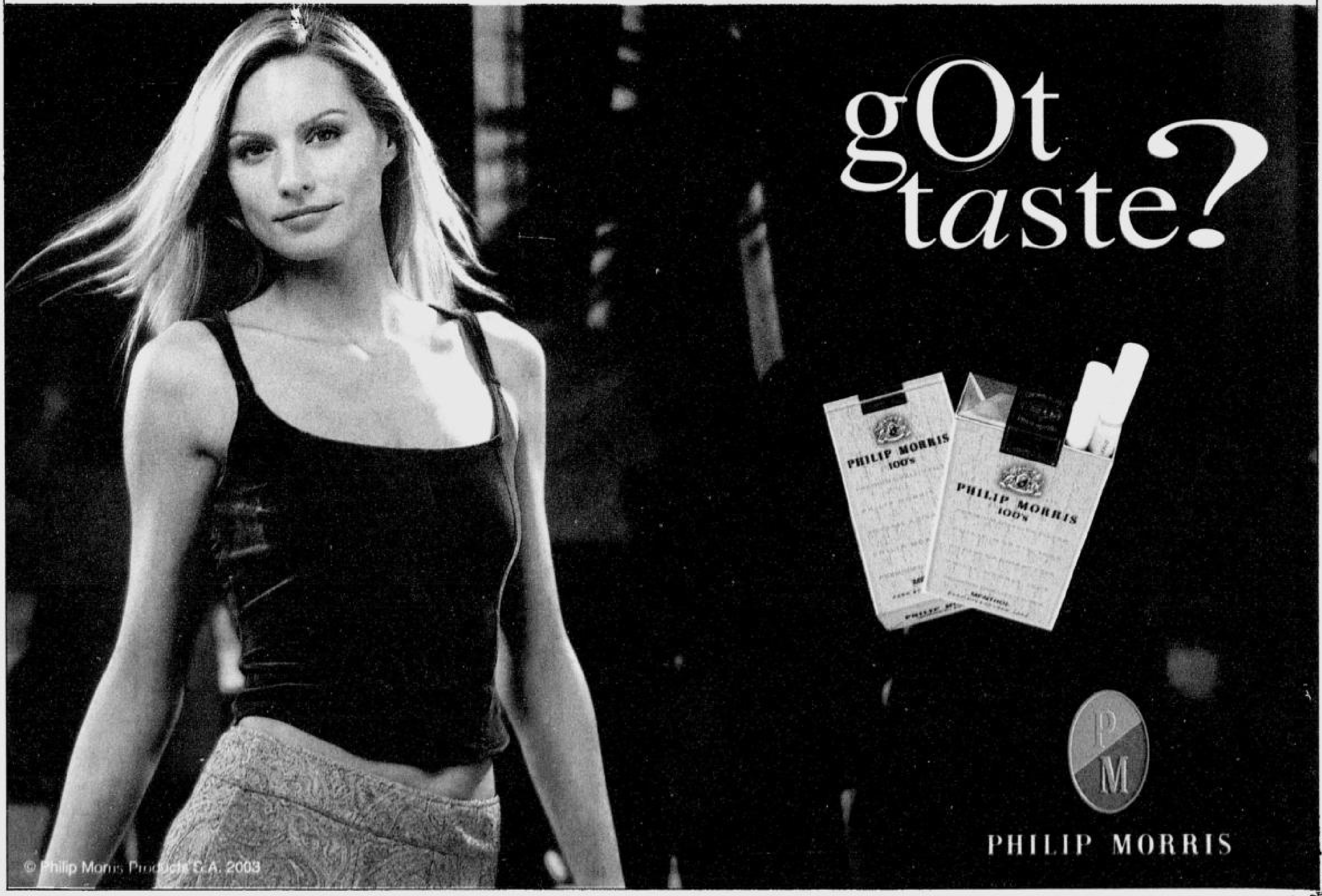

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## NGOs question sudden return of evacuees

**DAVAO CITY—Peace groups yesterday questioned the return of evacuees displaced by fighting between government troops and Moro rebels to their communities in Pikit, North Cotabato, without an assurance of security, in time of President Macapagal-Arroyo's weeklong visit to Mindanao.**

The groups, belonging to the Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC), also noted the lack of community preparation for the evacuees, saying no health or social workers were around to assist them.

According to the MPC, the hasty return and confusion might have contributed to the death of 8-month-old Norhaidin Kulot in Sitio Balibit, Barangay Bulol in Pikit. The baby, who had been suffering from asthma, died some 15 minutes after his family arrived in Balibit after a hot and dusty noontime ride.

Though some families felt relief, the MPC quoted a parish worker's observation that the evacuees feared their unprepared return to their communities.

In a statement, the groups said the evacuees had asked for the repositioning of military units out of civilian areas.

"The evacuees were also uncertain how the MILF [Moro Islamic Liberation Front] would react to the sudden civilian return in the communities," they said.

The MPC said many families chose to stay first with friends or relatives on Monday night to wait for news about the first batches who had returned or had transferred to evacuation camps in nearby Pagalungan town.

It said the government had yet to respond to the rebel group's unilateral ceasefire, which is generally holding with no major attacks or violent incidents reported. The 10-day ceasefire ends today.

The evacuees of Central Mindanao gained much from the truce and were encouraged to go home, the MPC said.

"The climate of peace may have contributed to their finally leaving the evacuation centers last Monday, although the conditions for their safe and permanent return were still not there," it added.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman said they did not force the evacuees to return to their homes to impress the President.

"Have you been to the evacuation centers? Anybody in the evacuation center with a chance to go home will go home," she said.

She said the only reason the families were there was out of fear of their lives.

But Soliman, who was in Davao City as part of the presidential delegation, said they would go to Pikit to verify the reports.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol warned relief agencies of their assistance to evacuees in Pikit and elsewhere following recent findings by military and local officials that one-third if not half of the food ration ended up in the hands of the Moro rebels.

"No wonder, many of the evacuees have been complaining of inadequate food aid from the government, apart from supplies coming from the private sector," said Piñol, who blamed the artificial shortage to some evacuees who allegedly channel part of their share to the rebels.

The military, according to him, had recovered some relief supplies, consisting of rice, sardines and noodles, in areas where government soldiers had encountered the rebels.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said he doubted the governor's allegation.

"If indeed this were true, then the President, who is in Mindanao, can order an investigation," he suggested.

Piñol also appealed to relief groups to help the government instead of creating problem by delaying the evacuees' return. He claimed that some nongovernment organizations wanted the victims to remain in the centers for a longer time so that they would continue receiving foreign aid.

"Are you there to help, or are you there to raise funds for yourself?" Piñol asked. ***Joel B. Escovilla, Charlie C. Senase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

## GMA orders restoration of historic Pampanga building

**By Tonette Orejas**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the restoration of the old Pampanga High School (PHS) building, decisively stopping the looting and neglect of the almost century-old structure.

Ms Macapagal asked her fellow Kapampangan, businessman Manuel Pangilinan, chair of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., to fund the project, according to Augusto Villalon of the Heritage Conservation Society.

In a letter last Tuesday to Ivan Henares, spokesperson of the City of San Fernando Cultural and Historical Society (CSFCHS), Villalon said Ms Macapagal instructed National Museum chair Antonio Cojuangco to oversee the restoration project.

The building, which is located less than 300 meters from the provincial capitol in Barangay Sto. Niño, would be reused as the San Fernando branch of the National Museum, Villalon said.

He said Secretary Manuel Quezon III, presidential adviser for historical affairs, closely monitored the looting issue which appeared in the INQUIRER.

Aside from Quezon, the restoration project team includes Villalon as the conservation architect and John Silva as exhibits director.

Ms Macapagal's action also came on the heels of the campaign of the CSFCHS, the Foundation for Lingap Kapampangan Inc. (FLKI) and University of the Philippines-Pampanga to preserve what was left of the building.

The FLKI said the provincial government should take the lead in securing the structure in line with a joint agreement it signed with the foundation in May 2002 for the development of a Kapampangan cultural center there.

Last month, all the old hardwood in the two-story building had been looted. Only the rectangular-shaped concrete rampart, dilapidated ceilings and rusty iron roofs were spared.

The PHS, began in 1907 by American educator John Osborn, nurtured many poor Kapampangan youth, including the late President Diosdado Macapagal who belonged to the class of 1929. Many became prime movers in government, sciences, arts, culture and media.

Osborn was among the 15 American civilian educators sent to 19 towns in Pampanga.

In 1912, he moved the school from the Buison Building (now the Pampanga Hotel) to Sto. Niño where the provincial capitol was transferred from Bacolor town. The new school building was built five years after the Philippine Commission approved in 1907 the Act 1801, which allocated P1 million for the construction of "standard school buildings." *With a report from Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

## ROUNDUP

### 6 rob suspects fall

CAMP DANGWA, Benguet—Police on Saturday arrested six men who allegedly robbed a gold trader in Mankayan town. Arrested were James Tomaging, Salvador Baday, John Patugan, Napoleon Galap, Delfin Palagpag and Jason Linglinga. Reports said the suspects broke into the house of Estiphania Cawa, a gold buyer, in Barangay Taneg, Mankayan, and took P98,489 in cash, four cellular phones and 227 grams of gold. Police blocked the suspects' getaway vehicle at the toll gate in Barangay Acop in Tublay town. Seized from the suspects were a shotgun, a 9-mm pistol and a .38 cal. revolver.

***PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

### 3 rebels arrested

CAMP GEN. ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—Three suspected members of a Pampanga-based armed group were arrested in their safe house in Baliuag, Bulacan, on Friday. Police said Benjamin Laxamana, Leo Villaranda and Randy Lopez, said to be members of the Rebolusyonaryong Gerilyang Arayat, were charged with illegal possession of firearms, robbery and extortion. Mario de la Vega, chief of the provincial police's 306th Mobile Group, said the group had been asking for money from businessmen in the towns of San Rafael, San Ildefonso, San Miguel, Pandi, Angat, Norzagaray and Sta. Maria.

***Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

### 'Jueteng' den raided

CAMP DANGWA, Benguet—Sixteen people were arrested in two separate anti-illegal gambling operations in Baguio City last week. Reports said police arrested 10 suspects after they raided a suspected jueteng den on Naguilian Road in Baguio on June 3. Six bet collectors were also arrested on Abanao Street on June 4. Policemen recovered P5,193 in jueteng bets from the suspects.

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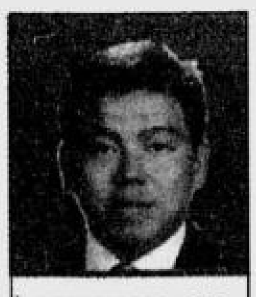
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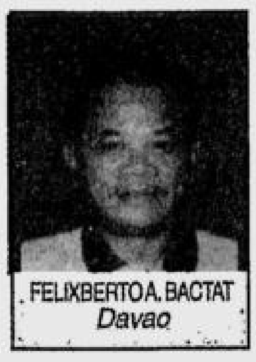
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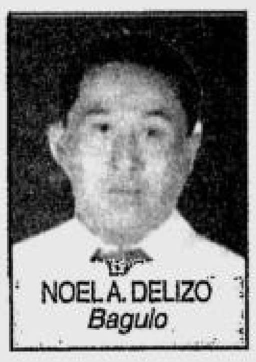
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# Anti-PPA rallies held today in Panay

ILOILO CITY—Church and militant groups in Negros Occidental and Iloilo will mount a protest action on Independence Day today against the purchased power adjustment (PPA).

Rev. Fr. Meliton Oso, Jaro archdiocese social action director, said in a news conference that thousands of protesters will assemble in front of the St. Clement's Church in La Paz District before proceeding to the Freedom Grandstand.

Speakers will discuss the issue of the PPA, as well as Charter change, during the rally. A Mass capping the event will be officiated by Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo.

Diocesan social action centers and the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) will lead similar activities in Kalibo, Aklan and Roxas City in Capiz.

In San Jose, Antique, the social action center of the Diocese of Antique will discuss the issues in the diocesan radio station dyKA.

In Negros Occidental, Bacolod Bishop Vicente Navarra called on the faithful to join a 15-minute power shutdown from 9 to 9:15 p.m. today to call for the scrapping of the PPA and the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira).

During the shutdown, the protesters will recite the mystery of light. *Nestor P. Burgos Jr. and Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

## Countdown for Justice

**WAPILE**

IT IS exactly 395 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

# Mt. Pinatubo food donors recall 'liberating' mission

**By Vincent Cabreza**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—An Ibaloi farmer once sent an Aeta community his whole month's livelihood as lahar washed down from Mt. Pinatubo's slopes swamped towns in Zambales between 1991 and 1997.

To date, no Pampanga resident even knows about this farmer's donation.

But the people who helped distribute *sayote* and vegetables that Ibaloi and Bontoc farmers had sent to victims of Pinatubo's eruption and succeeding lahar flows from June 12, 1991 to 1997, are reuniting today for their own commemoration of the event. They said the activity was meant to enlighten the public about the farmers' sacrifices.

"Operation Sayote," a vegetable collection drive that was launched by Baguio reporters and Cordillera farmers three days after the volcano erupted, is celebrating its 12th anniversary with little fanfare and virtually no public recall, said Swanny Dicang, one of the project's founders.

"The operation was not inspired by Independence Day *per se*, but helping was very liberating. What we want to do now is to glorify the support of small farmers who gave Central Luzon and their Aeta community virtually everything they had," Dicang said.

The support ranged from black beans collected by a Grade I class in Buguias, Benguet to 30 sacks of radish from a farmer who couldn't sell his produce when the Pinatubo crisis struck.

"It's better that I feed the poor victims rather than see the radishes spoil when no one is buying them," the farmer told Dicang seven years ago.

## Still nameless

Dicang said the farmer, who tends a small farm in La Trinidad, Benguet, still refuses to be identified today.

Operation Sayote was a goodwill campaign by the Baguio survivors of the July 16, 1990, earthquake, Dicang said.

"The donors wanted to return the groundswell of support that lowlanders gave people who were affected by that strong earthquake," he said.

Dicang, Baguio information officer Ramon Dacawi and Helen Tibaldo, regional director of the Philippine Information Agency, fleshed out details of the food aid system together with Baguio journalists, like the late Jose Nicolas Ilagan.

The first to respond to appeals broadcast by the Catholic Church-run radio station dzWT and Bombo Radyo Philippines were a group of Ibaloi "pony boys" led by the late Ben Bongcawayan.

These horse herders, who rent out horse rides to tourists at Wright Park during summer, delivered sacks of *sayote*, which was the most abundant and readily available vegetable in Baguio.

## Food network

"That gave us the idea about the food network," said Dacawi. "We realized that the help we gave the Aetas and Kapampangans can best be symbolized by the *sayote*. Every household in Baguio has *sayote* because this vegetable's tendrils climb every structure and penetrate every grille," Dacawi said.

"Neighbors do not mind when others come and harvest *sayote* and its leaves. Since *sayote* is abundant, this can be shared by the community," he said.

Dicang said they almost dubbed the food drive "Operation Strawberry" until the pony boys' donation sacks "enlightened" them about what the drive "should be about."

The project proponents immediately went into action. Three to four trucks filled with 12 to 13 tons of vegetables were dispatched straight to relocation sites in Central Luzon that were still accessible by land.

The operation delivered 300 tons of vegetables. The group had also donated food to residents in Mankayan, Benguet, when a school building was damaged by a sinkhole in 1999, and to residents affected by eruptions of Mayon volcano in Bicol. The group had also delivered food to parts of Northern Luzon hit by typhoons.

## Dangerous trips

They said the journeys were perilous. One truck was caught between a firefight between New People's Army rebels and government troops in Zambales. In two instances, trucks broke down along the highway in Tarlac and Zambales—almost killing a driver and injuring a bystander.

At many relocation sites, the vegetables helped supplement the government's daily ration packs, which consisted of a can of sardines, a pack of instant noodles and half a kilogram of rice for a family of four.

"People started to anticipate our dispatches. *Sayote* could change the sardine menu or the noodle menu instantly," Dicang said.

But it was the Aeta community that most of the members of Operation Sayote had looked forward to.

"In relocation sites in Zambales or Tarlac, people climbed our trucks in a frenzy. But the Aetas were very disciplined. They fell in line and awaited the instructions of their tribe's elders," Dacawi said.

"In fact, they were very appreciative that the food was coming from (fellow indigenous Filipinos). One Ibaloi donor offered us pine wood shards, which could be ignited for campfires, so we brought it to them," he said.

The trips gave the project coordinators insights about nature's wrath.

"We were there when lahar began to overwhelm Bacolor, and we saw teary-eyed people being ferried by helicopter from their fields to the relocation sites," Dacawi said.

"It was a difference between life and livelihood. In Baguio, we lost lives, but we were able to move on immediately. But in Zambales, (Ilagan) managed to talk to a farmer who was staring at his lahar-buried fields. The farmer was shocked because he was supposed to harvest his crops three days before the lahar onslaught," he said.

# Batangas cites renowned linguist

A COMMEMORATIVE tribute will mark the 100th birth centenary of the late Jose Villa Panganiban, renowned linguist and lexicographer and director of the old Institute of National Language (now the Komisyon ng Wika), in Batangas tomorrow.

According to a news release, the tribute will consist of floral offerings at Panganiban's tomb at the Tanauan Municipal Cemetery and a formal ceremony at the social hall of the San Antonio Heights Subdivision in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

To pay tribute to Panganiban, who was born on June 12, 1903, are former Tanauan Mayor Apolinario Lirio Jr.; Teddy Panganiban of Union Bank; Dr. Armando de Jesus, vice rector for academic affairs of the University of Santo Tomas; and Dr. Belen Tangco, dean of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters.

Panganiban is acknowledged as one of the architects of the national language. He is also the founder of The Varsitarian, the 75-year-old student organ of UST and the oldest Catholic campus paper in the country.

An award-winning journalist, writer, translator, radio personality and linguist adept in Tagalog, English and Spanish, Panganiban finished Litt. B. Journalism in the old UST Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, MA Literature at the UST Graduate School, and Ph.D. in English at the Notre Dame University in Indiana, USA.

His most important work is the "Diksyunaryo Tesauro Pilipino-Ingles," which is widely considered the most definitive seminal work at constituting Filipino as the national language.

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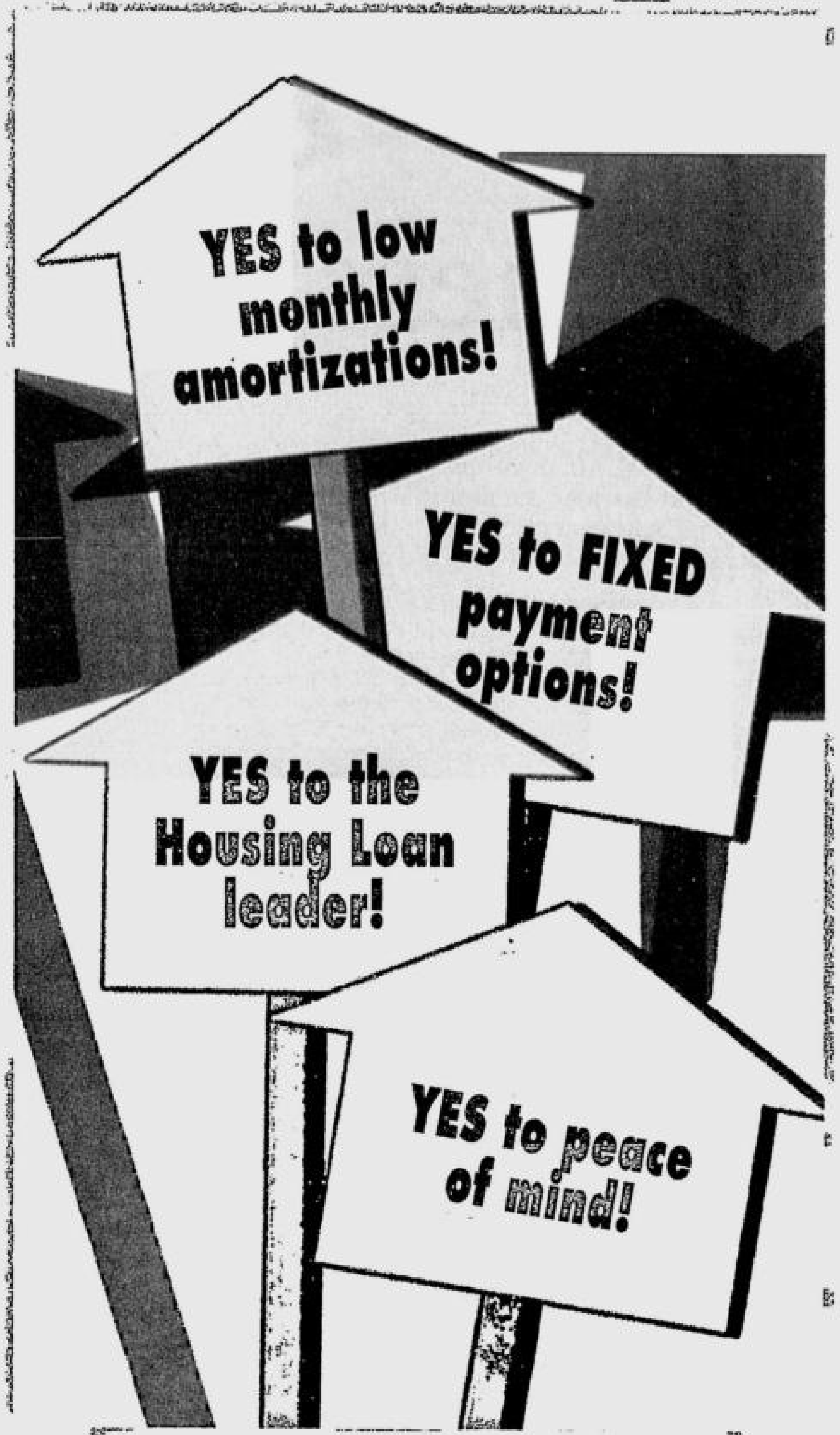
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# Darkness veils Occidental Mindoro

**By Mei Magsino**
*Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro*

OCCIDENTAL Mindoro has been under a blanket of darkness since last month when two engines of the eight generator sets of the 32-megawatt power barge in Puerto Galera bogged down.

The generators supply the energy requirements of Mamburao, Paluan, Sta. Cruz and Abra de Ilog (Mapsa area) towns in the southern grid of the province.

Designed to supply electricity to most of the towns of Oriental Mindoro and Calapan City, the barge also fills up the power requirement of the Mapsa area, where the 30-year-old National Power Corp.'s 400-kilowatt plant in Barangay Tayamaan supplies a fraction of the supply.

Since May, power load shedding has been done everyday. Electricity supplied to the Mapsa area has been depleted in favor of the more urbanized Calapan in Oriental Mindoro.

Load shedding is done by turning off the power supply of a town so that another town can be served.

Brownouts lasted three to 12 hours daily, but in Abra de Ilog and Sta. Cruz, these took seven days.

## Economic losses

Due to the power crisis, Mamburao's business sector has been losing millions of pesos in stale agricultural products and undelivered services.

The Samahan ng mga Mangangalakal sa Mamburao (Samma), a group of local businessmen, has criticized the lack of initiative of the Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative (Omeco), the power distributor of the province, to solve the problem.

Samma placed the economic losses of the capital town due to recurring brownouts at P10 million daily.

Households have also been suffering from busted appliances resulting from the sudden power outrage.

The worst and biggest loss came on June 3 last year when a laborer died during a sudden power surge at the height of a seven-day brownout that hit the province.

The victim, Melchor Macasunod, was trying to switch on a generator to provide light for his father's wake. He was electrocuted with the sudden power surge.

## Useless

Omeco general manager Alex Labrador said the 32-mW barge in Puerto Galera was designed to supply only the needs of Oriental Mindoro.

"I don't know what went wrong [with] the Puerto Galera power barge," Labrador said. "That is Oriental Mindoro. What our people reported is that one of the generators got engine trouble. But as of 3 p.m., May 4, power had already been restored to Mamburao."

The next day, at 2 a.m., one of the four 8-mW generator sets in Puerto Galera conked out again, cutting off supply in the Mapsa area.

Labrador said Mamburao was the first to suffer from the load shedding because of its big power deficit.

"Mamburao's Tayamaan power plant can supply only 400-kW of the town's power requirement, which is as high as 1,200 kW on daytime and 2,500 kW at nighttime. It's practically useless," Labrador said.

When the power fails in Puerto Galera, the Tayamaan plant's capacity of 400 kW is distributed through load shedding.

## Loss

San Jose has been reeling from a worse power failure for a month now than those in other towns.

The province's north grid, which supplies electricity to San Jose, Magsaysay, Rizal, Calintaan and Sablayan, has a power requirement of 4.6 mW by day and 7-7.2 mW during nighttime. The independent power producer, Island Power Corp. (IPC), supplies 5 mW while the local Napocor supplies only 400 kW everyday.

Labrador said the 1,800-kW power deficit of the north grid has worsened when one of the two generators of IPC malfunctioned two weeks ago. "That generator was supposed to be our backup generator when IPC overhauls the other one which has been having recurring problems," he said.

IPC's two generators produce 2,500 kW each everyday. One has been experiencing engine troubles and is due for overhaul on June 15. But the spare generator also bogged down two weeks ago, leaving the northern part of Occidental Mindoro in darkness.

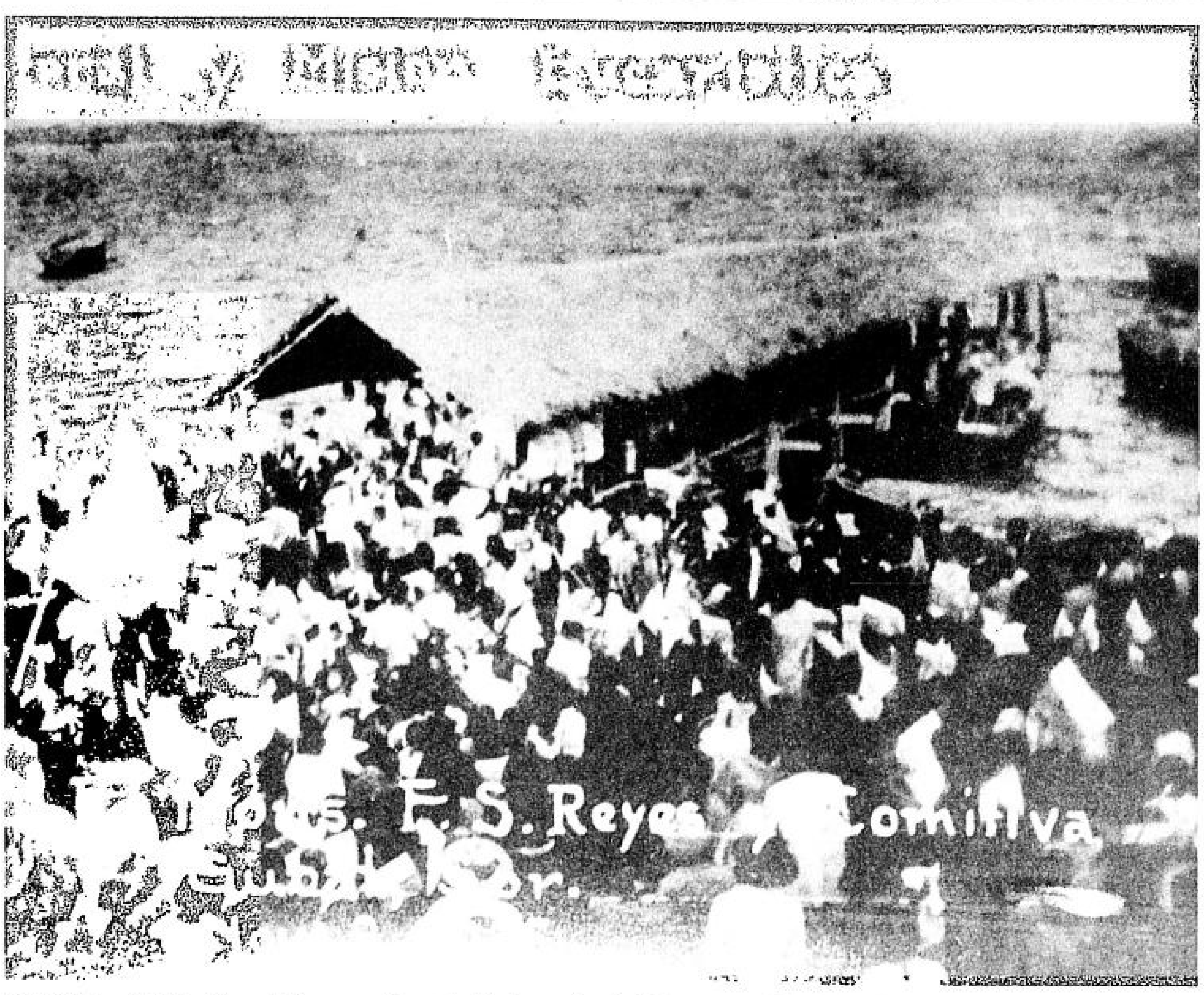
The power problem of the two provinces was the main focus of the first Mindoro Power Summit on Jan. 30, an occasion also attended by Energy Secretary Vincent Perez.

Power supply to Mindoro is provided by the Napocor, two independent power producers (Mirant and IPC), and two electric cooperatives—the Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative and Omeco.

During the summit, a resolution, requesting the Napocor to repair, rehabilitate and overhaul the existing diesel-run power plants and construct the Calapan power transformers and substations, was submitted to Perez.

It also proposed the installation of transformers and expand Napocor's 69-kV transmission lines in order to avert the energy crisis.

Six months after the resolution addressed to President Macapagal-Arroyo was submitted, the power problem persists and has actually worsened.



THE OLD port of Gubat town in Sorsogon, shown in this photo taken in 1935, was one of the busiest in Bicol at the height of abaca and copra export trading in the country. The photo is among the collections of Salvador Españo.

# *Townsfolk still remember Moro raids*

**By Juan Escandor Jr.**
*Gubat, Sorsogon*

THOUGH it is not exactly what the people of Gubat, Sorsogon celebrate in fiestas with colorful street dances, the Moro raids of the olden days made a lasting imprint in their coastal town, 621 kilometers south of Manila.

A socioeconomic profile given by Salvador Españo, municipal development officer of Gubat, and citing records from the National Museum and early Church documents reveals the following historical account:

On June 13, 1731—or exactly 272 years ago by tomorrow—Spanish missionaries took refuge in a place called Aramag after they were cast away to the shores. They belonged to an expeditionary force which experienced a shipwreck in the Pacific Ocean on a stormy night.

That same day, hordes of Moro pirates were raiding the settlement.

When the missionaries asked the fleeing villagers where they were, they shouted, "*Gubat!*," which means raid. From then on, the place was called Gubat.

Thirty-three years later, Gubat was declared an independent *pueblo* from the town of Bulusan, where it was once a barrio. Don Pedro Manook was appointed as its first *alcalde actual de naturales*.

The Moro raids became so frequent that in 1772, the Spanish colonial government had to provide the town with four cannons, four *lantaca* (primitive artillery), ball canister shots and gunpowder to fight the marauders.

Community meetings were held to discuss plans on how to defeat the Moro pirates.

On April 21, 1799, the townsfolk decided to build two *lancha* (big boats), which they would use to fight and drive away the Moros.

The incursions continued through the early 19th century and the people remained vulnerable to the pillaging. Ultimately, they sought the assistance of other towns in Bicol to defeat the pirates.

## Decisive battle

On Oct. 25, 1818, when the pirates stormed the town for the nth time, they were not aware that a much powerful force awaited them. A combined naval squadron from Gubat, Albay, Malinao and Casiguran fiercely fought a 20-boat force of pirates and emerged victorious.

In the 21st century, residents still celebrate that victory during the Ginubat Festival, held on June 11-13.

In the street dance competition, the participants depict the Moro raids and the people's victory.

Historical accounts described Gubat as a very old settlement that dates back to the Paleolithic Period. Pieces of evidence of early inhabitants who came from Central Asia and crossed land bridges to what is now the Philippine Archipelago have been unearthed in the town.

A primitive stone tool, now on display at the museum of the Sorsogon Arts Council, was found by a certain Venancio Funtanares. It supports claims that Gubat was already inhabited 250,000 years ago.

According to the National Museum, the earliest settlements of Gubat were noted during 1000 BC to 500 AD.

In the 1960s, archaeologists of the National Museum discovered artifacts in Sitio Tigkiw-na-Saday, that were believed to have been produced in 200 AD.

Another excavation in Barangay Jupi in 1968 yielded a burial jar decorated with clay strips. The vessel dates back to [illegible] AD.

Historical records also showed that the place where Gubat is now located was one of the 41 settlements in Sorsogon during the pre-Spanish period.

A Spanish missionary, Jose Castaño, described the inhabitants of these settlements as "a race of impetuosity, valor and fond of social dealings; more intelligent and vigorous, more active, industrious and warlike, and adjusted to live in compact villages."

# 'Sili' eating contest spices up Albay's Magayon Festival

"SILI" Queen: Suela Barrameda

"SILI" King: Roland Nimo

**By Gil Francis Arevalo**
*Legazpi City*

NO ALBAYANO would ever think that the extremely biting yet famous spicy food ingredient *sili* (*lada* in Bicol) would gain sudden and widespread fame worldwide.

That's after Armando Martillana of Malabog, Daraga, Albay was recognized two years ago by the London-based Guinness Book of World Records as the "Sili King of the World" for having eaten 550 pieces of *sili* in just three minutes during the 2001 Sili Eating Challenge in Albay.

Now, the annual Magayon Festival is no longer complete without a *sili*-eating contest. It underscores the Bicolanos' peculiar love for this spicy component of their food called the Bicol Express.

Gigi Manzanilla, senior provincial board member and 2003 Sili Eating Contest chair, said that this time they were extra careful. "We told the contestants to take in only what they could. We noted that during the past years, almost half of the contestants were hospitalized."

"Even Mr. Martillana, who ate more than 500 *lada*, found it very hard and even collapsed after the contest," Manzanilla said.

She said *sili* affected the heart, especially if taken more than what the body could take.

"So, we modified the contest, just for the contestants and the spectators to have fun and wholesome entertainment. It was no longer beating the record 550 of Martillana. Besides, we have already achieved the goal, which is to be in the book of world records," she said.

During the maiden staging of the *sili* eating challenge, Eriberto Gonzales, 31, the first Sili King of Albay and former world record holder, was able to swallow more than 300 pieces of chili pepper. He, however, was brought to the hospital and recovered only after two hours.

Azucena L. Meneses, 42, the first Sili Queen of Albay who was able to eat more than 200 pieces, said almost half of their group was hospitalized.

She even admitted to having a sudden and abrupt rise in blood pressure.

The *sili* eating contest in last week's Magayon Festival had both male and female participants in an effort to eliminate gender bias.

The new Sili King of Bicol is Roland Nimo, 24, of Camalig, while the Sili Queen is Suela Barrameda, 43, of Daraga. The two, however, were not able to break the records of Martillana and Meneses.

Nimo was just able to consume 450 pieces while Barrameda, 200. Each of them won P15,000.

Barrameda was the first runner-up last year when she lost by just one piece to Meneses.

Martillana and Meneses welcomed the challenge posed by the new winners.

"Anytime, even now, I can prove that I'm still the *sili* world record holder. Most contestants now were my opponents in 2001," Martillana said.

"For me, it's okay that somebody broke my record because I'll join again and prove I can still be the Sili Queen," Meneses said.

Nimo revealed that before the actual event, he practiced for at least three days—eating pure chili pepper.

Three of the five judges were former champions and shared their secret for eating a huge volume of *sili*.

"A Bicolano will not be called *oragon* if he does not eat *sili*. That's why I mix *sili* with whatever food I eat," Gonzales, one of them, said.

The spectators cheered both the winners and the contestants.

"It was a hair-raising event. Who would think they could do it. I'm a Bicolano and Bicol Express is my favorite, but I cannot do it," said Franco H. Padilla of Banquerohan, Legazpi City

Gonzales, Martillana and Barrameda said in unison: "They are all good because one cannot join the contest if he cannot eat pure *sili*."

So far, no other nationals have challenged Martillana or any Bicolano *sili*-eating winners.

# Shipping out of 16th century pottery probed

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are stored in a warehouse in South Kearny, New Jersey, the Times said. Around 3,000 more pieces are in transit.

Reached on the phone yesterday, National Museum Deputy Director Cecilio Salcedo said the team that would "look into the matter" would be composed of representatives of, among others, the Department of Justice, Bureau of Customs and the museum itself.

Salcedo also said the National Museum had been notified by the office of Sen. Loren Legarda of her earlier call for an inquiry into how Greco supposedly secured a "permit" from the museum and shipped out the archeological finds under the noses of Philippine officials. He deferred further comment.

The artifacts are to be auctioned by the US auction house Guernsey's in September, according to the reports.

They have reportedly been insured for $20 million, and Greco has supposedly retained a lawyer—a board member of the Explorer's Club of New York City—to protect his interests.

Greco also told the Times that the artifacts were retrieved from 16 dive sites off the Philippine islands of Panay and Busuanga and other sites in Mindanao in the South China Sea.

He said that he employed Filipino divers in his operations in the last seven years, and that he intended to share his "expected profits" with his crew chiefs in the Philippines and turn them into "millionaire(s) in their own currencies."

The potential Filipino millionaires who helped Greco were not identified.

Legarda called on the Philippine government to "do everything" to stop the auction and possibly demand Greco's extradition.

She said Greco should be made to answer for possible violations of Philippine laws on treasure hunting and salvage operations.

She also said the finds dated back to the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade of the 1500s, although the Times reports only referred to sunken Chinese vessels without reference to the historic Philippine-Mexico route.

## Pots and pans

"This amounts to nothing less than a rape of our national heritage," Legarda said, and noted that the Philippines was about to lose the priceless treasure to private collectors through the planned auction.

Greco told the Times that he always kept "low-profile" operations even while securing permits from the National Museum and other authorities that he did not name.

"We never told anybody what we were doing," the newspaper quoted him as saying. "In the Philippines and Asia, depending on where you are, they think of them [the sunken artifacts] as pots and pans. Once they see it has value, and somebody's interested, it's going to be a lot different working over there."

He said he befriended many Filipinos and stayed with "the natives, the fishermen," who led him to the shipwreck sites that he described as lying as deep as 280 feet, beyond the range of most sport divers.

He recalled how his team used crude diving implements, relying not on air tanks but weights, lines and hoses to bring air down to men working at the bottom.

"Tanks are for tourists," he told the Times story.

Greco, who owns a company named Stallion Recoveries in Hong Kong, said one of the sites was still yielding artifacts to this day.

The Times reported an "emerging dispute" between Greco and some US-based archeologists who said he was plundering the world's artistic patrimony for personal profit.

One critic, Dr. Donny Hamilton of the Institute of Nautical Archeology at Texas University, was quoted as saying that enterprises like Greco's recovered "just what has market value" and ignored less pricey material.

Several other experts interviewed by the Times described Greco's finds as a rare, stunning collection ranging from small powder jars to large vases of various tones. Some of the pieces can be viewed on the Guernsey's website, www.guernseys.com.

## Looking the other way

Legarda said she was incensed to read in the Times reports that Greco "had the gall to admit that although he secured the proper permits from Philippine authorities like the National Museum, he kept a low profile and never told anybody what we were doing."

"It is impossible for salvage operations of this scale to go unnoticed by local government officials, and law enforcement agencies like the Coast Guard," she pointed out. "Surely, some people made money just looking the other way while these sunken treasures were being retrieved and shipped out of the country."

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Kalayaan
HUNYO 12, 2003

## "SA MATATAG NA REPUBLIKA...

# Nation marks Independence Day today

## *President Macapagal-Arroyo leads flag rites in General Santos City to signal start of nationwide celebration.*

**President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo** raises the Philippine flag at seven this morning at **General Santos Park, General Santos City** to lead the nationwide celebration of the 105th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence, the second time under the Arroyo administration that the President will raise the national banner in Mindanao on Independence Day.

The other simultaneous rites at the **Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite**, will be led by **Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Jr; at Iloilo City, by NEDA Director General Romulo L. Neri; at Dagupan City, by Mayor Benjamin S. Lim; at Cebu City, by DPWH Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes; at the Rizal National Monument at the Rizal Park, by Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon assisted by MMDA Chairman Bayani F. Fernando; at the Barasoain Church in Malolos City, by Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo assisted by DepEd Undersecretary Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon; at the Andres Bonifacio Monument, Caloocan City, by DILG Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr; at the Manila North Cemetery, by DND Secretary Angelo T. Reyes; at the Pinaglabanan Shrine, San Juan, Metro Manila, by COMELEC Chairman Benjamin Abalos, Sr.**; and in **Cotabato City, by ARMM Regional Governor Dr. Parouk S. Hussin.**

President Arroyo is the first president to have celebrated important national events outside Manila to disprove public perception that Manila is the end all and be all of nationhood and national celebration. Besides the Freedom Day observance, the President led the Rizal Day celebration in December in Baguio.

This year's celebration of our Freedom Day will be simple but symbolic, with exhortations to the Filipinos to achieve oneness in national spirit. The President's message will highlight the theme of unity in diversity and underscore the need for a strong republic, the rallying call of the Arroyo administration that had its roots in the writings of our national heroes. **Apolinario Mabini**, the Brains of the Philippine Revolution whose Death Centenary we marked this year, for one batted for a strong republic, the formula for which he clearly enunciated in his writings.

The theme of this year's celebration, **"Sa Matatag Na Republika: Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!,"** according to Tourism Secretary Gordon, this year's National Committee chair, not only challenges the Filipino people to give their share in nation building but also to undertake activities that enhance the good habits, intelligence, and preferences of our youth for their country. It is also a subtle advice to all Filipinos that our country's survival depends solely on our own hands.

The main event is the President's Address calling for National Unity and Nationhood direct from Zamboanga City to be carried live via microwave satellite to be beamed to Filipino audiences nationwide. This is a June 12, 2003 arrangement of the OPS, RTVM, NBN-4 Radyo ng Bayan PIA nationwide including RPN-9, IBC-13 as well as the participation of ABS-CBN, GMA-7, ABC-5, and ANC-21.

The **Philippine Information Agency** headed by Director General Renato Velasco, Co-Chair of the Media and Publicity Committee has coordinated with the various network KBP stations for their participation in the "Kurot sa Puso" film showing and Pinoy music in the airlanes.

**Pista ng Kalayaan 2003**, according to DOT Director Ting Delos Reyes, Kalayaan 2003 artistic director, will also include cultural and art shows of NCCA, CCP and NPDC, trade fair of 60 private and 22 government exhibitors, nationwide Kalayaan sale by the **62 Philippine Retailers Association** members and the civic-military parade which will highlight the 14 Pinoy Festivals from Sto. Nino to Moriones, Turumba, Higantes to Pahiyas leading to Christmas showcasing a giant pinoy lantern and the final theme float, SA MATATAG NA REPUBLIKA... BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!

The participating agencies for the Exhibits/Fairs starting June 11-12 include: DTI, DOT, DepEd, DOF, DBM, DPWH, DOH, DOTC, AFP, PCSO, DOST, DOE, DA, DOLE, DAR, CCP, NHI, NCAA, DILG, PSC, and DENR, (PIA).

## KALAYAAN 2003 PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

| ACTIVITIES | DATE/TIME/VENUE |
|---|---|
| **KUROT-PUSO**<br>(A showcase of selected Filipino feel good movies that speak about commitments, heroism and sense of accountability to the country) | |
| **Cinema One**<br>Kapit sa Patalim<br>Damong Ligaw<br>Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon?<br>Bagong Buwan<br>Eskapo<br>Gatas sa Dibdib ng Kaaway<br>Oro, Plata, Mata, Curacha | *June 12, 2003, 7:45 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.* |
| NBN – 4, IBC-13, RPN-9 will be showing Anak ng Bayan, a 2-hour TV Documentary on the heroic struggles and patriotism of Andres Bonifacio | |
| **Mga Awiting Makabayan**<br>Featuring soprano Alexis Edralin, 1999 National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA) and tenor Conrado Ong III, both students of the UP College of Music under the tutelage of Prof. Ma. Cecilia Ongsiako-Valeña | *June 13, 2003, 6 p.m. Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila* |
| **KALAKALAN, KALIKASAN, KABUHAYAN, AGRIKULTURA, ENERHIYA, AGHAM, TEKNOLOHIYA AT PAGTATANGGOL SA BAYAN** | |
| **Theme: Pananagutan ng mga ahensiya at ng mga empleyado ng pamahalaan sa Bayan** | |
| **The Ombudsman Chorale** | *June 13 2003 Shell Area, Rizal Park, Manila* |
| **Department of Trade and Industry Chorale** | *June 14, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **Manila Symphony Orchestra**<br>(Asia's first symphony orchestra in an all-Filipino program of symphonic works, under Prof. Arturo T. Molina, conductor) | *June 15, 2003, 6 p.m. Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium* |
| **Philippine Air Force Combo** | *June 16, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **Philippine Navy Combo** | *June 17, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **DOT Presents:** Negros Navigations "Dancing Porters" and Enlist Production Show | *June 18, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **Department of Health** Choir, Folk Dance & Modern Dance | *June 19, 2003, 6 p.m. Shell Area, Rizal Park, Manila* |
| **Department of Interior & Local Government Day** | *June 20, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **GHQ All Female Bond** | *June 21, 2003, 6 p.m.* |
| **AWIT AT SAYAW: PAGPUPUGAY SA IKA-432 ARAW NG MAYNILA (A celebration of the colorful years of the city with the singing Ambassadors of the City Government of Manila, the Manila City Chorale under the musical direction of Sharon Abesamis** | *June 22, 2003, 6 p.m. Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium* |
| **Department of Transportation and Communication Choir** | *June 27, 2003, 6 p.m. Shell Area, Rizal Park* |
| **ROMANTIC DUO**<br>The piano duo of Ingrid Sala Santamaria and US based maestro Reynaldo Reyes returns to Rizal Park for the 6th National Concerto of their Romantic Piano Concerto Journey | *June 29, 2003, 6 p.m. Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Manila* |
| **SA MATATAG NA REPUBLIKA: BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!**<br>A visual arts exhibit by the Arts Association of the Philippines (AAP) | *June 11-30, 203, 9 a.m. – 8 PM. Kanlungan ng Sining, Rizal Park, Manila (back of National Library)* |
| **INDEPENDENCE DAY/SME TRADE FAIR**<br>60 private and 22 government agencies | *June 11-22, 2003 Rizal Park* |
| **INDEPENDENCE DAY SALE** | |
| All SM outlets | *June 1-15, 2003* |
| Naga City (13 Establishments) | *June 8-12, 2003* |
| Bulacan (7 department stores and supermarkets) | |
| Region I (Ilocos Norte, Dagupan City, San Fernando, La Union) 14 establishments | |
| **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN PHILIPPINE EMBASSIES ABROAD**<br>DFA | |
| **PAGTATAAS NG WATAWAT**<br>(Simultaneous flag-raising and wreath-laying at the designated venues nationwide) | *June 12, 2003, 7 a.m.* |
| President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo | *General Santos City* |
| Vice-President Teofisto Guingona Jr. | *General Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite* |
| NEDA DG Romulo L. Neri | *Iloilo City* |
| DILG Secretary Jose Lina Jr. | *Bonifacio Monument, Caloocan City* |
| Mayor Benjamin S. Lim | *Dagupan City* |
| DPWH Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes | *Cebu City* |
| MMDA Chairman Bayani F. Fernando | *Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila* |
| DepEd Undersecretary Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon | *Barasoain Church, Malolos Bulacan* |
| DND Secretary Angelo T. Reyes | *Manila North Cemetery* |
| COMELEC Chairman Benjamin Abalos Sr. | *Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine, San Juan, Manila* |
| ARMM Regional Governor, Dr. Parouk S. Hussin | *Cotabato City* |

| ACTIVITIES | DATE/TIME/VENUE |
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| Vin d' Honneur | *June 12, 2003, 10:30 a.m. Zamboanga City* |
| PALAKASAN SA BAGUMBAYAN<br>A demonstration of Indigenous Filipino games and sports (PSC: PIGSSAI | *June 12, 2003, 10:30 a.m.- Rizal Park, Manila 2 p.m.* |
| WOW, PILIPINAS!<br>(Philippine Independence Day Parade 2003)<br>Quirino Grandstand/June 12, 2003<br>3.00 PM | |

**PARADE FLOW**

I. **WOW, KALAYAAN!**

This is the prologue tableau in a zarzuela form, depicting the proclamation of the Philippine Independence from the Aguinaldo house in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898. Nonie Buencamino plays the role of Gen. Aguinaldo. He will be supported by 20 Gantimpala actors and 150 dancers. UP Singing Ambassadors will sing the background song, "Taghoy ng aling Panahon"

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| a. | Entrance Band | MMDA Drum & Bugle Corps |
| b | Giant Phil. Flag (c/o Subic) | Philippine Public Safety College cadets |
| c | Regional Colors | PPSC cadets |

II. **WOW, MAGIGITING NA KAWAL!**

This is the segment that will showcase the marches and cadences of the Philippine military. The 15-minute presentation will be preceded by a joyful and dancing contingent of Filipino youth in roller blades, dressed in costumes evoking Filipino soldiers in action

III. **WOW, NAGSISILBING PAMAHALAAN!**

This is the segment that will present the vision of the national government and the programs of the various agencies and government corporations including community service thrusts of the private sector

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|---|---|---|
| a. | Department of Agriculture | with a float and 200-member contingent |
| b | Department of Agrarian Reform | with a float, 4 higantes, 80 dancers, brass band and 120-member contingent. |
| c | Department of Environment and Natural Resources | with 182-member contingent |
| d. | Department of Interior and Local Government | with a float, a band and 154-member contingent |
| e. | Department of Social Welfare and Development | with a 100-member contingent |
| f. | Department of Labor and Employment | with a float and 200-member contingent |
| g. | Department of Education | with 150 cultural dancers, 150-member contingent, a brass band |
| h. | AMA Computer College | with a float |
| i. | Department of Health | with a 200-member contingent |
| j. | Department of Public Works and Highways | with a float and a contingent |
| k. | Department of Transportation and Communications | with a sub-float, 200-member battalion, 52 officers, K-9 units, 200-member contingent, 100 cadets |
| | Department of Science and Technology | with a float and a contingent |
| m. | Department of Trade and Industry | with a float and 150-member contingent |
| n. | NESTLE | with 50 carts and a contingent |
| o. | JOLLIBEE | with a float and a 150-member contingent |
| p. | POWERHOMES | with a float and a contingent |
| q. | Philippine Sports Commission | with a float and 200-member contingent |
| r. | PIGSSAI (PTA) | with 100-member contingent, 100-member PTA contingent |
| | PAGCOR | with a float and a 200-member contingent, a brass band |

IV. **WOW, MASISIPAG NA MAMAMAYAN!**

This is a fully choreographed segment where all participants will be dancing under one musical piece

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| a. | Boy Scouts of the Philippines | 50-member contingent |
| b. | Girl Scouts of the Philippines | 100-member contingent |
| c. | Sons and Daughters of the Veterans | 200-member contingent |
| d. | Lions Club | contingent |
| e. | Knights of Columbus | 100-member contingent |
| f | Philippine National Red Cross | |
| g. | Citizens Emergency Network | 200-member contingent |
| h | Chinese Firefighter Volunteers | 6 firetrucks |

V. **WOW, TURISMONG PINOY!**

This segment will feature the programs of the DOT and the contributions of the private sector in the development and growth of the Philippine Tourism Industry.

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| a. | Department of Tourism | with 3 higantes (V12) and 100-member contingent |
| b. | Negros Navigation | with a float and a contingent |
| c. | WOW PHILIPPINES bus | with a contingent |
| d. | Cebu Pacific | with float and a contingent |
| e. | WGA Superferry | with a float and a contingent |
| f. | Department of Tourism | with a float (Culture of Tourism) |

VI. **WOW, KAY GANDA NG ATING BAYAN!**

This is a showcase of our most colorful and interesting festivals selected from north to south of the Philippines. It will be opened by a special WOW, PHILIPPINES postcard dance from the Department of Tourism.

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| a. | DINAGYANG (Iloilo) | 108 performers |
| b | MORIONES (Marinduque) | 100 performers |
| c | TURUMBA (Laguna) | 200 performers |
| d. | SUMAKAH (Antipolo) | 15[illegible] performers |
| e. | HIGANTES (Angono) | 29[illegible] performers |
| f. | PYESTANG BULACAN | 210 performers |
| g. | PISTAY DAYAT (Pangasinan) | 80 performers |
| h. | HIMAG ULAW (Masbate) | 120 performers |
| i. | SARAKIKI (Leyte) | 130 performers |
| j. | OKTOBERFEST (Olongapo) | |
| k. | IFUGAO (Cordillera) | 80 performers |
| l | HALAD (Cotabato) | 150 performers |

VII. **WOW, PILIPINAS: MATATAG NA REPUBLIKA**

The finale will be the theme float depicting the Inang Bayan being raised up to 20 feet high to symbolize the KATATAGAN NG ATING REPUBLIKA. There will be a good and interesting production number to complement this vignette.

| ACTIVITIES | DATE/TIME/VENUE |
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| PAKULAY SA KALAYAAN (Special Fireworks Display | *June 12, 2003, 7:30 p.m. Back of Quirino Grandstand, Rizal park,* |
| STREET DANCING | *June 12, 2003, 8 p.m. Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park, Manila Department of Tourism* |

## What they say about Philippine Independence Day

Today, the Philippines is at the threshold of profound social, economic, political and cultural changes as we enter the brave world of the coming century and beyond. It is only by forging anew our unity as one country and one people, and strengthening our freedom on the basis of sustainable development and far-reaching reforms, change and renewal – enhancing our profound love of God and our pride in the Filipino race – can we attain our individual and collective goals, and seek our rightful place in the international community of nations.

**Gloria Macapagal Arroyo**
President
Republic of the Philippines

Historic events since that time have earned for the Filipino people an enviable reputation for dynamism and resilience, as one nation determined to overcome the challenges of nation building. The challenges of the present are no less daunting as those of the past. Our nation's future will be shaped by how well we have empowered ourselves with the strengths and patriotism of our Filipino ancestors. To look back on the experience of our forefathers- both in triumph and defeat- is to enable us to look ahead, with a greater degree of wisdom and sense of conviction, to hurdling the obstacles to our vision of a better nation.

**Hilario G. Davide Jr.**
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of the Philippines

Over a century hence, human tyrants and foes are now gone, but new forms of tyranny have emerged threatening our full enjoyment of independence. These tyrants of poverty, ignorance, inequities, and lawlessness, we all must confront with the same determination and courage as our heroes and martyrs of June 12, 1898, as our patriots fought before and after it. Bolder if need be as our enemies now are more pervasive, subtle, and destructive. And, as our heroes before, we can rise triumphant over all these foes.

**Franklin M. Drilon**
Senate President

Those who inherited this Republic- the generations tempered by wars, the initial affluence, and later the biting hardships of economic decline- are struggling, however, to end the recurring cycles of economic boom and bust. The hard reality of political independence did not translate into economic affluence.

**Jose de Venecia Jr.**
Speaker, House of Representatives

The challenges that the country faces today will be met and overcome if each Filipino realizes that the fate of one is the fate of all and that the more we care for our fellowmen, the more enriching our lives would be.

**Richard J. Gordon**
Secretary and Chair
Kalayaan 2003 Committee

As we face the national realities and global challenges of the 21st century, let us listen to the wisdom of our forbears and find strength in their patriotic advice. That, in this world, there is no other entity that can aptly offer a helping hand to a needy Filipino, except his brother Filipino. Our country's survival is his sole responsibility.

**Ambeth R. Ocampo**
Chairman
National Historic Institute

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
MILITARY AND CIVIC PARADE
JUNE 12, 2003, 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD-BONIFACIO DRIVE, FROM PRES. QUIRINO AVENUE TO ANDA CIRCLE IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

FROM DELPAN BRIDGE TO BACLARAN, ALL VEHICLES SHALL TAKE ANDA CIRCLE, ADUANA DRIVE, RIGHT TURN AT GEN. LUNA STREET, LEFT TURN AT P. BURGOS, RIGHT TURN AT TAFT AVENUE, TO DESTINATION, OR FROM TAFT AVENUE, RIGHT TURN AT PADRE FAURA, LEFT TURN AT M.H. DEL PILAR TO DESTINATION.
OR
FROM DELPAN BRIDGE TO SOUTH SUPERHIGHWAY, TAKE ANDA CIRCLE, ADUANA DRIVE, RIGHT TURN TO GEN. LUNA STREET, LEFT TURN TO P. BURGOS, AYALA BOULEVARD, RIGHT TURN TO SAN MARCELINO STREET, TO DESTINATION.

FROM BACLARAN TO ANDA CIRCLE, ALL VEHICLES SHALL TAKE A RIGHT TURN AT PRES. QUIRINO AVENUE, LEFT TURN AT TAFT AVENUE TO DESTINATION
OR
FROM BACLARAN TO ANDA CIRCLE, ALL VEHICLES SHALL TAKE A RIGHT TURN AT PRES. QUIRINO, LEFT TURN AT MABINI STREET, RIGHT TURN AT U.N. AVENUE, LEFT TURN AT TAFT AVENUE, TO DESTINATION.

## BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!"

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# ‘Church must admit the evils going on’

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He said he felt he had to finally explain himself and produce proof of his innocence amid the sexual scandals rocking the Catholic Church in the country.

Until the Catholic Church faces its "evils" and admits its humanity, the country will witness more sex scandals among the clergy, according to Bautista, a former anti-Marcos activist and a staunch advocate of optional celibacy.

While he said he "did not wish" for scandals, Bautista said the Catholic Church should bring "into the daylight ... what we do in the dark."

"The scandals are all over," Bautista said in an interview at the INQUIRER office yesterday, citing the controversies that involved two bishops—Teodoro Bacani and Crisostomo Yalung—over the past six months.

"It's about time for the Church, the institution, to open up and admit the situation, the evils going on," he said.

## Child's birth certificate

Buhain has obtained a sworn statement from the woman, which says that she underwent artificial insemination to conceive the child, who was born in March 1999, along with the child's birth certificate and other documents to support his innocence.

Buhain said that he "went out of (his) way" to get the documents because he felt that an assertion was not enough to support him.

"I wanted to be proactive. I think most priests expressed appreciation that finally I broke my silence," Buhain told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday.

Buhain also disclosed that Bautista had warned him shortly before the start of the presbyterial meeting that "he was next." Bautista cited a column pertaining to Buhain that appeared the same day.

"Even before, he was already saying things against me," Buhain said of Bautista, who has been a controversial figure in the diocese due to his unpopular stance on issues.

## Expose violations

But Bautista maintained that similar violations of Church vows should be exposed "because the Church does not seem to move unless it is rocked and battered."

He said that he had written several letters to the Cardinal concerning allegations against his fellow priests so these could be explained and cleared before their constituents.

"We demand transparency from other people, why can't we be transparent ourselves? This is a problem affecting the people, why are we keeping it away from them?" Bautista said.

He said he phoned Bacani a few months ago to relay different allegations he had heard against the bishop and to express his anxiety over the unfairness of the accusations.

But the bishop "really got mad" and said "he didn't want to talk to me anymore," Bautista said.

When he learned of the forthcoming story on Bacani's former secretary, Bautista said he could not reach the bishop anymore as Bacani had refused to talk with him.

"Bishop Bacani is a victim of historical error," he said, adding that priests were unduly confined by the vow of celibacy that was not required by Christ in the first place.

He said priests were only required to be celibate in the 11th century.

## Breach of confidentiality

Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas refused to comment on Bautista's claims, but expressed disappointment over his breaching of the confidentiality agreed upon during the meeting.

"It was a closed-door meeting, and all matters discussed were confidential. All who attended were bound to keep it to themselves," Villegas said in a statement which he relayed through the Archdiocese information office.

Msgr. Jesus Romulo Rañada, spokesperson of Bacani, also slammed Bautista for disclosing Buhain's revelations. He said "some" of Bautista's statements were "not true at all."

Rañada said that Bacani was "quite happy about the expression of support" given by the Archdiocese of Manila. The bishop has been informed of the letter of support that will be sent to him soon.

Rañada denied broadcast reports that Bacani had been sanctioned and forced to resign and that he as the bishop's spokesperson had been asked to keep quiet by the Vatican.

"That's not true. We're all still waiting for the decision," Rañada said.

# Artist's name change sparks big legal battle

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of the country's colonial history.

Names, he said, should reflect the country's indigenous culture, a way to assert one's identity in a society that has been greatly influenced by western imperialist interests.

That's why for the last 22 years, De Guia has refused to be called by his name and instead has introduced himself as Kidlat Tahimik.

In fact, he has named his three children Kidlat Kalayaan, Kawayan Kalayaan and Kabunyan Kalayaan.

But a legal battle looms in De Guia's case, which may even reach the Supreme Court over an issue described in legal circles here as a first in Philippine jurisprudence: Can one change his name for being "un-Filipino"?

The Regional Trial Court Branch 9 in this town granted De Guia's petition to be renamed Kidlat Tahimik on Nov. 28, 2002.

Finding that De Guia "had the proper and reasonable cause for the grant of the relief prayed for," Family Court Judge Francis Buliyat directed the local civil registrar to erase the name of Eric de Guia in his original certificate of live birth and replace it with Kidlat Tahimik.

De Guia or Kidlat Tahimik, 60, was born on Oct. 3, 1942, in this vegetable-growing capital.

## State opposition

Surprisingly, the Office of the Solicitor General recently opposed Buliyat's decision before it could become "final and executory."

In a motion for reconsideration, the OSG, through Associate Solicitor Josephine de Sagon Mejia, said the decision was erroneous since De Guia "failed to state a reasonable or compelling reason to justify his change of name."

The OSG said the Rules of Court provided that a person who desired to change his name must be able to show "proper, reasonable and weighty reasons." In De Guia's case, there was no reasonable cause, it said.

In explaining its opposition, the OSG said the State, through the OSG, had an interest to protect in the name of each individual for purposes of identification.

No name, it said, should be changed for trivial reasons, echoing the SC decision in Republic vs Marcos decided in 1990.

The OSG enumerated the valid grounds for change of name:

- When the name is ridiculous, dishonorable or extremely difficult to write or pronounce.
- When the change is the result of a legal act.
- When the change will avoid confusion.
- When the name has been continuously used since childhood, the person unaware of his alien parentage.
- When there is a sincere desire to adopt a Filipino name to erase signs of former alienage, all in good faith and without prejudicing surnames that cause embarrassment. [And when] there is no showing that the desired change of name was for a fraudulent purpose or that the change of name would prejudice public interest.

In its motion, the OSG said there was nothing ridiculous or dishonorable in the name Eric de Guia.

"That his given name bears traces of our colonial past is something which one cannot erase and blot out by the mere expedient use of an allegedly pure and indigenous Filipino name," it said.

The OSG added that "appellations with traces of Hispanic and American culture used and adopted by millions of Filipinos do not make them less of a Filipino."

But lawyer Reynaldo Cortes, De Guia's counsel, strongly disagreed.

He said that while the law listed the grounds for valid change of name, Buliyat's decision recognized the "good faith and nationalism" his client had when the petition was filed on July 21, 1998.

Cortes said he would oppose the OSG's motion for reconsideration.

He said De Guia had clearly demonstrated during the trial the facts and circumstances that led him into choosing the name Kidlat Tahimik.

"He has ably shown a unique but legally and morally acceptable reason to change his name," he said. "Who among us would dare change our foreign sounding names to an indigenous name?"

## Colonial badge

Cortes said he would elevate the case to the high tribunal should any decision turn unfavorable to De Guia.

De Guia himself is peeved with the OSG's motion to have Buliyat's decision reconsidered.

"I consider my name as my property," he told the INQUIRER. "I should be allowed to change it because it is a legacy I could give to my children."

He said that as long as his official name was Eric de Guia, "my identity will remain to be a badge of this country's colonial history and influence."

"The law should be dynamic. It should adapt itself to changes and should not be too constricted. I want to change my name to assert my independence as an indigenous Filipino. I believe this is a valid reason which no one should deprive me of," De Guia said.

He added that there were court cases in the past that allowed indigenous names to be changed to western-sounding names.

"Why is the OSG opposing the reverse, that is when a western name is being changed to something indigenous?" he asked.

Told of the possibility that his case would reach the Supreme Court, De Guia said: "*Bathala na.*" It meant God would ensure his victory, not "*Bahala na* (Come what may)," a common Filipino expression of fatalism.

De Guia adopted the name Kidlat Tahimik in 1977 when he began a career in producing alternative cultural and nationalist films.

## Film awakening

He took the name from a character in his film "Mababangong Bangungot" (Perfumed Nightmares), which gained recognition abroad such as in the Bombay International Film Festival in India in 1994.

De Guia said the film "awakened his patriotic slumber and opened his eyes to the country's sociopolitical problems."

Once cited as an outstanding citizen of Baguio, De Guia is known and called by his colleagues Kidlat Tahimik, the name he has also used in all his transactions.

De Guia said his great grandfather's name is Salamati, a name that connotes an official proceeding in the past.

But Salamati was changed to De Guia during the Spanish regime. He said this was why he wanted his name to be changed to go back to his ancestral roots.

During the trial, De Guia cited cases of people who have indigenous names. He said he knew a person named Batong Buhay which means "magnet."

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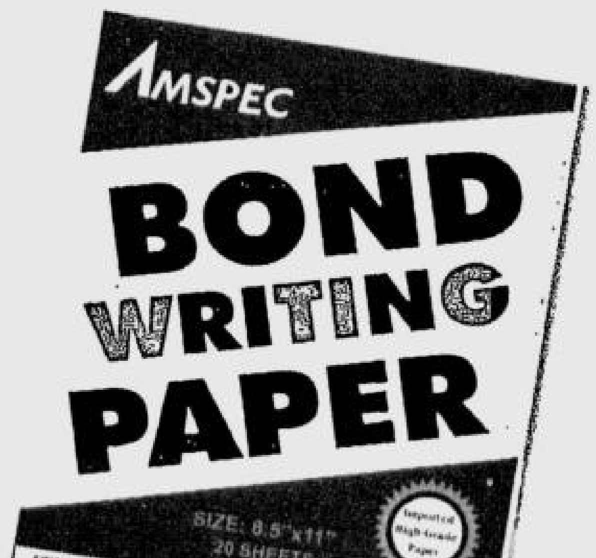

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# Medal of Valor for 'Liberator of Siocon'

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Sultan Kudarat and could barely provide for him and his five siblings.

Poverty made him abandon his plan to pursue studies in engineering or accounting. He thought joining the police force would make things easier for him and his family.

The decision did not result in riches. "But I'm happy," he said. "I found meaning in my profession and I know I have contributed some good things to my country."

But Hachuela, the fourth recipient of the Medal of Valor since the award was introduced in 1991, will not be forever empty-handed.

He will receive a monthly gratuity of P20,000 for the rest of his life. His dependents will be entitled to scholarship grants, medical benefits, and hiring priority for posts in the government service.

PNP spokesperson Director Ricardo de Leon also said Hachuela was expected to be promoted to chief inspector.

## Gordon's touch

With Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon as chair of the Independence Day festivities committee, his "WOW, Philippines" slogan is expected to take center stage.

The celebrations will carry "Gordon's touch," particularly in the centerpiece civic-military parade at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila that he organized to carry the WOW (for "Wealth of Wonders") concept.

The traditional 7 a.m. flag raising in historic places nationwide will set the pace.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will raise the flag at General Santos City; Vice President Teofisto Guingona, at the Aguinaldo Mansion in Kawit, Cavite; and Gordon, at the Rizal Park in Manila.

Other government officials will raise the flag at the 1896 Revolution veterans' mausoleum at the Manila North Cemetery; Andres Bonifacio Shrine in Caloocan City; Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; and Pinaglabanan Shrine in San Juan.

Ms Macapagal, members of her Cabinet, ranking government officials and members of the diplomatic corps will later hold the traditional *vin d'honneur* on board the presidential yacht Ang Pangulo off Zamboanga City.

At the Rizal Park, 17 floats and over 4,000 people will take part in the parade that begins at 4 p.m. with a zarzuela tableau titled "Wow, Kalayaan."

It will depict President Emilio Aguinaldo's proclamation of Philippine independence from the balcony of his house in Kawit on June 12, 1898.

The theme of the parade is "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko."

Gordon said the theme was "a rallying call to all Filipinos, especially government and community leaders, to [promote] a culture of tourism that will make Filipinos commit to the task of attracting foreign and domestic tourists to travel to and around the Philippines, and show that the country is really a world-class wealth of wonders."

"We want tourists to know that we are accountable for their safety and well-being," he said at a press conference.

He also said tourism meant "jobs and livelihood opportunities for all."

Gordon said this year's celebration of Independence Day would be different because of the World Tourism Organization's designation of the Philippines as the 2003 international tourist destination.

Also scheduled at the Rizal Park are a "battle of the bands" and dance shows in the afternoon, and a fireworks display at 7:30 p.m.

But militant groups are also expected to highlight the United States' "robbing" of Philippine independence in 1898 and to question whether the country had indeed acquired "genuine independence."

## 'Great hypocrisy'

Sanlakas and the Partido ng Manggagawa (PM) will hold protest rallies in front of the US Embassy in Manila and at the Don Chino Roces Bridge near Malacañang to denounce what they call the United States' continuing imperialist domination of the country.

"It would be great hypocrisy if we celebrate Independence Day with our flags proudly flying," PM chair Renato Magtubo said. "Let us not forget the fact that for the past 105 years, the US has played a master's role in installing and toppling puppet Philippine presidents."

Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran also said the Macapagal administration should not bother to celebrate Independence Day because this would be an "exercise in extreme hypocrisy."

In a statement, the party-list representative said Ms Macapagal had "no moral authority to speak of the nation's struggle for freedom and independence when she herself is the point-man of foreign powers and their economic and military expansionist agenda in the Philippines."

He added: "Given how completely vocal the Philippine government is in supporting the interference of its American counterpart in the country's economic, political and military affairs, there is no genuine independence to speak of." *With a report from Carlito Pablo*

# They walked with heroic figures

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of the strength, courage, vivacity and intelligence characteristic of the Rizal women.

Their father, Leoncio Lopez-Rizal was a nephew of Rizal by Narcisa, the elder sister who attended to Rizal when the hero was exiled by the Spanish colonial authorities in Dapitan.

Sometimes, Leoncio would dish out stories about his famous uncle. The kids were also fed Rizal stories by their grandmothers Maria, Soledad, Trinidad, Rizal's other sisters.

Sunny remembers their Lolo Paciano, Rizal's only brother, who was known to have had a great influence on the hero, as a "very patient" man who would occasionally join their story-telling sessions.

"That's why we called him 'Lolo Pasensya' sometimes," Sunny says.

Raised in a close-knit household held together by their Lola Narcisa, they had a close look at the person known to the rest of the country only as a hero and a great literary figure.

A favorite destination on Sundays when they were kids was visiting the Rizal monument at the Luneta with their Lola Sisa who took them there after they finished their homework.

Lola Sisa would often end up crying whenever she spotted a flower or two laid before her brother's shrine, Sunny writes in her book.

## Story-telling sessions

When they were in grade school at St. Paul's College, Sunny, Carmen and Naty would be brought to their Lola Sisa's house in Binondo every Thursday for story-telling sessions.

In this informal history class, Lola Sisa enchanted the children with recollections of events in the life of the Rizal clan made vivid with intimate details of each family member.

On such visits, Sunny, who graduated with a degree in Journalism and wrote two books on Rizal, always brought a notebook with her.

This was a sign that the eldest of the three sisters had brought along a lot of unanswered questions, a familiar experience for the elders of the household.

As a boy, Rizal himself endlessly asked a barrage of questions which earned him the title of "the little question box," according to Sunny's book "Lolo Jose: An Intimate Portrait of Rizal."

Sunny herself was called "the little question box."

## Education valued

Education was greatly valued by the family. Sunny also has a degree in education; Carmen finished Commerce and Naty completed both Chemistry and Commerce, all from the University of Santo Tomas.

Despite the sisters' relation with the national hero, they say they were never raised to feel important.

"We did not have that distinction," Carmen tells the INQUIRER in an interview at their house on Lopez-Rizal Street.

Naty adds that their father did not allow them to grow up acting like significant personalities in society.

Although the family was well-off, the three girls were made to do house chores when they had no classes to give the maids a day off, as Doña Teodora did to Rizal and her other children.

## Unknown as Rizal kin

In school, they were not even known as relatives of Rizal.

Naty says that the only time she was "found out" was when she submitted a composition in class detailing how Rizal got mad at one of his nephews and said: "I'd rather see you dead than hear you tell a lie."

When the teacher asked how a grade schooler could have known about such a story, Naty said she learned it from her father.

In her book "Lolo Jose," she recalls how she and her sisters and cousins would try to excel in school so they would be rewarded with the privilege of holding the original of their Lolo's "Gahinlalaki," Rizal's Tagalog version of Thumbelina.

Rizal sent his original "Gahinlalaki" to Narcisa's children, which was later kept by Leoncio. Most of Rizal's original works inherited by the family were donated to schools and historical institutions.

Like their elders, the sisters converse in Spanish until now. They lapse into a mix of Filipino and English with guests. They also speak and understand "a little" of French, German and Mandarin.

Carmen says they picked up the languages from their schooling and frequent travels around the world with their parents, who believed in introducing them to other cultures.

These days, it is the turn of Sunny, Carmen and Naty to spend Sundays with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at their Mandaluyong compound.

The family was the first to build a house there, where they sometimes spent weekends even before they permanently relocated to Mandaluyong from Sampaloc in 1951.

"My father always wanted us to be together," Naty recalls.

But it is harder to gather and pass on stories to the younger generations as many of them have migrated abroad.

So, the sisters keep themselves busy with something less than historical: ballroom dancing at the Barrio Fiesta on Edsa twice a week.

Their main preoccupation at the moment is to stay strong and sharp. Carmen and Naty have also tried their hand at painting and ceramics.

Sunny continues her passion for reading. Her daughter takes her shopping for books every now and then. She also reads two newspapers every day.

They still vote, too, says Naty. The three were invited at the unofficial launching of Women for Roco group in Makati a few weeks ago.

Sunny said during the interview that they were seeking leaders who have a sense of history, who know how the lessons of the past can help shape the future.

They have, after all, seen the past and have been part of its heroic history.

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# Davide hits sinister moves vs SC

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bulwark of democracy and the guardian of the rule of law, and of the Constitution, are anathema to everything Chief Justice Concepcion stood for," Davide said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday described as "pure harassment" Estrada's bid to also put her on the witness stand as part of his legal strategy to win acquittal on charges he plundered a personal fortune of about P4.2 billion.

The Sandiganbayan has set a hearing Monday on his formal motion to call Ms. Macapagal, Davide and a number of Supreme Court justices to the witness stand. Estrada also asked the anti-graft court to summon Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

"This is pure harassment and a dilatory tactic that detracts from the public interest and the national welfare," Ms. Macapagal said in a statement.

Estrada's unorthodox legal strategy is based on an assertion that he was illegally toppled by a January 2001 military coup abetted by the Supreme Court. Estrada also faces charges of perjury and illegal use of an alias—"Jose Velarde"—to hide his bank accounts.

The Supreme Court has already upheld the legality of Ms Macapagal's accession to the presidency, which was triggered by the military-backed Edsa II that cut short Estrada's 30-month rule.

Estrada, who has been detained at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center since May 2001, insists he cannot be sued because he remains the legal president. If convicted of plunder, he could be sentenced to death.

"The President is busy attending to the strategic programs that would bring jobs, security, and peace to the people," Ms Macapagal said in her statement.

"This issue is farthest from her mind at the moment. She wants unity among the people. She will not be distracted by divisive issues."

But Estrada's lawyer, Rene Saguisag, warned that Ms. Macapagal would be liable for contempt of court, punishable by imprisonment or fines, should the anti-graft court rule in Estrada's favor and compel her to take the stand.

Another Estrada lawyer, Alan Paguia, denied that his client was merely maneuvering to delay the plunder trial.

"Crimes have been committed here. Coup d'etat remains a crime up to now. Coup d'etat was a special crime committed on January 20, 2001. Rebellion is a crime, mutiny is a crime and definitely those who hold the power cannot accept the possibility of their being charged later," said Paguia.

"So if they say we are moving heaven and earth to stop the plunder proceedings, on the contrary they are the ones moving heaven and earth to conceal from the Filipino people the truth regarding the crimes committed during the unconstitutional takeover."

When Reyes, who was the Armed Forces chief of staff during the bloodless 2001 revolt, "betrayed his oath, it was in the eyes of man another successful coup d'etat. People dispute it, but that's one school of thought," Saguisag said.

Paguia said none of the constitutional requirements for a presidential succession between elections—death, resignation, permanent incapacitation, or removal by impeachment of the incumbent—existed when Ms. Macapagal assumed the presidency. *With reports fromJuliet Labog-Javellana and AP*

# US doctors say Danding fit to run

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- If he finds a capable person to whom he can turn over his business empire, San Miguel Corp.

But Teodoro said the chances that Cojuangco would run against President Macapagal-Arroyo were "remote."

As far as the Nationalist People's Coalition is concerned, he said, the "coalition is a precious thing."

He was referring to the so-called "sunshine coalition" in the House composed of the ruling Lakas-CMD party, which is co-chaired by Ms Macapagal and Speaker Jose de Venecia, the NPC, Liberal Party and other smaller parties.

Cojuangco is founder of the NPC.

Asked if Ms Macapagal could be assured of NPC support in case she runs, Teodoro replied: "It would be subject to mutual consultation."

"There's no intention on our part to break the coalition," he said. "(A)n ideal scenario for the coalition is to have just one standard-bearer."

But earlier this week, Negros Rep. Jacinto Paras, who was in San Francisco, California, with Cojuangco, said the latter would still run even if Ms Macapagal will seek another term.

Paras had led some 50 Lakas-CMD congressmen in petitioning Cojuangco to take a shot at the country's top post.

Cojuangco, a close ally of the late President Ferdinand Marcos and deposed President Joseph Estrada, is scheduled to fly back to Manila on Sunday.

NPC chair, Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy Jr., said that while their party was "solid for Danding," the NPC was required to consult with its coalition partners on who would lead them in next year's elections.

"Outside of (Ms Macapagal), there's no question that he (Cojuangco) is the best bet to run the country," Dy said.

In Malacañang, the President's political adviser, Jose Ma. "Joey" Rufino, said Senate President Franklin Drilon's couched endorsement of Ms Macapagal's candidacy carried a lot of weight.

Drilon said the other day that it would not be a disservice to the nation if Ms Macapagal changed her mind about not running in next year's elections. He said her priorities and official engagements were indications that she was trying to reach out to the people.

"Maybe (Drilon) has some basis for saying that, but that is his opinion," said Rufino, Lakas national executive director.

He said the President had been telling her officials and allies to "forget it, I'm not running."

"We don't want to second-guess the President anymore. If there will be a change of heart, we will be there with her," Rufino said in a telephone interview.

But at the same time, Rufino noted that there was a "spontaneous movement" from local officials, businessmen and party mates asking the President to run.

He said he had received numerous such petitions from governors, mayors, barangay officials, members of Congress and the business community. The petitions have been submitted to the 21-member Lakas-CMD national executive committee.

In the Visayas, a group of sugar producers and a federation of farmers have joined the call for the President to run.

The Confederation of Sugar Producers Associations (Confed) chapter in Negros and Panay Islands and the Pambansang Mannalon, Mag-uuma, Magbabaul-Magsasaka ng Pilipinas Inc. (P4MP) passed separate resolutions asking Ms Macapagal to reconsider her Dec. 30 pronouncement not to seek the presidency in next year's polls. *With reports from Juliet Javellana and Carla Gomez and Connie Fernandez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

# Erap, Ping sympathize with Bishop Bacani

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Church officials were seeing a connection between the sex scandal and the alleged power play relating to the imminent retirement of Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin at the end of August, 2003.

Bacani, an outspoken and influential Church leader, is seen as a probable successor of Sin, who is retiring from his post on Aug. 31, his 75th birthday.

Like Sin, Bacani has had influence in past administrations, including Estrada's. Asked to give a word of advice to Bacani, Estrada declined, saying it was he who had sought Bacani's spiritual advice.

## Absence of proof

Lacson said he was sympathizing with Bacani who, according to him, had suddenly found himself in the center of a sex scandal despite the absence of concrete proof that he had sexually harassed his secretary of five years.

"I know how it feels to be a victim of malicious persecution abetted by media that agreed to be used as a tool by some people," Lacson said in a statement.

He said these people had tried and "are in fact still trying to link me to almost all kinds of criminal activities."

Lacson was apparently referring to the military's top spy, Victor Corpus, and National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco, among others, who had accused him of involvement in high crimes like kidnapping, murder and drug trafficking.

Lacson said Corpus and Wycoco had failed to produce pieces of evidence to prove the crimes, including the existence of his allegedly mind-boggling dollar accounts in the United States and Hong Kong.

The neophyte opposition senator believed that Bacani, as in his case, could weather this "trial."

"(He) will eventually be vindicated because I know that he is on the side of truth," Lacson said. "I therefore hope that Bishop Bacani's sterling record, first as a man of God and second as the people's voice in their quest for justice and freedom from oppression and poverty, should be enough to remind all of us in putting all these allegations against him in the proper perspective."

Saying the "truth would surely prevail over evil," Lacson urged Catholics to offer the bishop prayers and words of comfort.

He also asked the public to give Bacani the benefit of the doubt by being "more discerning before making any hasty judgment or conclusions."

Vice President Teofisto Guingona is also giving Bacani the benefit of the doubt.

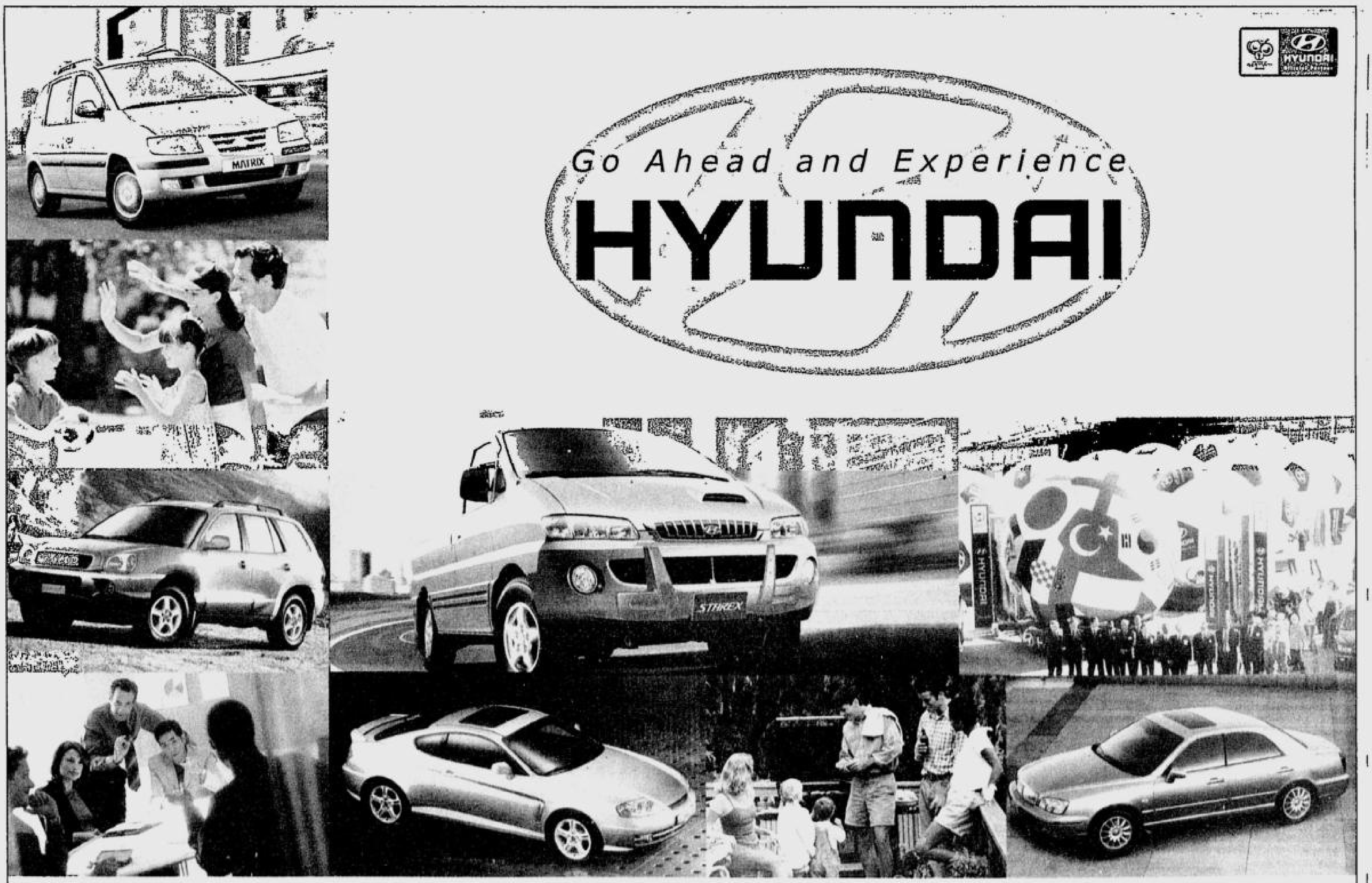
Guingona said Bacani was innocent of the sexual harassment charges hurled against him until proven guilty. "I believe in the presumption of innocence," Guingona said at the Fernandina media forum in San Juan.

The Vice President said he had the highest respect for Bacani. "I knew him when we were fighting martial law," Guingona said.

For the third day, President Macapagal-Arroyo commented on the controversy. In a statement, the President said that she was "saddened by the turn of events" and that she continued to pray for fairness and justice.

She appealed to Filipinos to give Bacani a "time for peace with his mother." Bacani is on a three-week vacation in the United States.

Ms Macapagal also called on the people to give Bacani's accuser an opportunity to substantiate her allegations. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac, Gerald G. Lacuarta and Juliet L. Javellana*



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### AGLIPAY: DRUG TESTS FLAWLESS

# No error, no apology

**By Christian V. Esguerra**

EXPECT no mistakes and expect no apologies.

Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay announced this yesterday as he declared that the drug tests randomly conducted on policemen were "flawless."

This was the response of Aglipay, anti-drug czar of the Philippine National Police, to questions from reporters regarding the "slim chance" that lawmen could be wrongfully identified as drug users.

"There's no slim chance to speak of. The procedure has no room for mistakes," he said.

Errors, Aglipay argued, would come only if the test procedure was not properly followed.

Even Director Ricardo de Leon of the Police Community Relations Office was cold on the suggestion that the PNP apologize in case of error.

"The system is in place to ensure that the findings will be with finality," he told reporters.

PNP chief Hermogenes Ebdane is set to receive today the findings on the urine samples taken from 1,047 policemen in Camp Crame last Monday.

The names of officers, even generals, who will test positive will be made public once the results have been confirmed by another examination, according to Aglipay.

Aglipay vowed to immediately subject "drug users in uniform" to summary dismissal proceedings.

Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, chief of the National Capital Regional Police Office, however sounded less harsh.

"The NCRPO cannot just dismiss policemen addicted to drugs," he said, explaining that these could "drive them to lives of crime."

"They need all the help they can get to kick the habit and we will help them through their ordeal," Velasco added.

He, however, stressed that "We cannot win this war against drugs with racketeers and drug abusers in our ranks."

Some 4,000 randomly selected PNP personnel assigned in Metro Manila underwent drug testing yesterday at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig.

**TRIBESMEN'S CASE**
Tribesmen from the Cordilleras sign the criminal charge sheet which they filed Wednesday at the Office of the Ombudsman in Quezon City against the former Bureau of Internal Revenue regional director there whom they alleged had cheated them on the taxes they had to pay the government. JOAN BONDOC

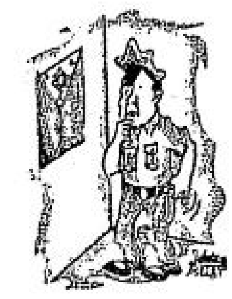
# Manila cops seem at 'war' for an hour

**By Luige del Puerto**

FOR ABOUT an hour yesterday morning, the Western Police District was "at war."

With whom or with what? With ignorance, perhaps.

It was 6:30 a.m. and the eve of the country's 105th Independence Day when the WPD decided to hang six flags above the fence of its headquarters facing UN Avenue to show its patriotism.



There was one problem, however. The flags displayed vertically had their red field facing the left side of the observer, which signified that the country was "at war."

Fortunately, none of the motorists and pedestrians who noticed the "declaration of war" panicked and ran for cover. Instead, they met it with healthy skepticism and a smile.

Many still remember the numerous coups d'etat and military uprisings of the past which were signaled by military and police units showing flags "in reverse."

Those entering the lobby of the WPD headquarters were also met by four flags in "war mode" while vertically displayed on the building's massive pillars.

"It was an honest mistake," WPD spokesperson Chief Insp. Gerry Agunod told reporters. "No one intended to desecrate the flag."

He explained that those who put up the flags either did not know the proper display of the national colors or were confused.

Agunod said they realized the mistake only at around 7:30 a.m. after they saw a poster of President Macapagal-Arroyo which showed the flag correctly displayed — with its blue panel facing the left side of the observer.

However, no one would admit the "mistake."

WPD Camp Commander Supt. Efren Reyes said the flags were displayed properly the night before, but "somebody" ordered them flipped sideways.

He however did not identify who gave such orders.

Nonetheless, he said that he immediately ordered the flags set right after seeing what was wrong with them.

And thus, peace was "restored" at the WPD without a single shot being fired.

## LATE SPORTS

# FedEx, SLR hurdle rivals

**By June Navarro**

DEFINITELY it was a rout. But the intensity never wavered until the final buzzer sounded.

That's because the FedEx Express tried to pile up as many points as possible during their 88-72 romp over the Alaska Aces last night to avoid quotient complications in the quarterfinals of the PBA All Filipino Cup at Philsports..

Rookie John Ferriols and Roger Yap anchored a huge breakaway in the final quarter that saw the Express erect a comfortable 74-57 lead with almost six minutes to go.

The Express are now tied with the Aces at 1-1 with both teams setting their sights on an outright passage into the crossover semifinals by sweeping their final assignments.

Dennis Espino became the 50th member of the 5,000-point club and Kenneth Duremdes nailed 10 triples en route to 40 points as Sta. Lucia Realty slipped past San Miguel Beer, 83-81, in the second game.

At 2-0, the Realtors have strengthened their semifinal bid while booting out the Beermen (0-2).

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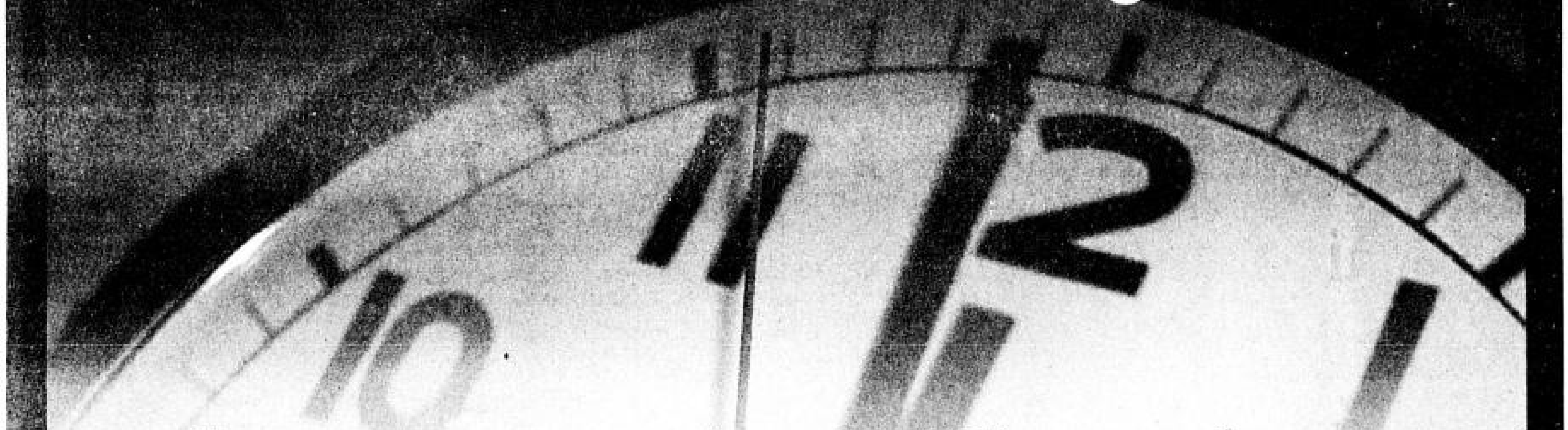

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## METROBRIEFS

### MMDA men, vendors clash

A VENDOR and an employee of the Metro Manila Development Authority were hurt when a sidewalk clearing operation of the agency in Quezon City turned violent Tuesday night. MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios said the incident took place at the corner of Quezon Avenue and Edsa. Vergel de Dios related that his men tried to confiscate the vendors' goods but the latter resisted. A scuffle ensued during which a male vendor was pummeled in the head and suffered a cut while an MMDA employee was stabbed in the hand. *Leila Salaverria*

### Bonifacio marker unveiled

AFTER 74 years, the marker declaring the Bonifacio Monument in Caloocan City as a national historical site will finally be unveiled today by the National Historical Institute. The unveiling will highlight the city's celebration of the country's 105th Independence Day with the theme: "Sa Matatag na Republika, Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!" Expected to grace the occasion are The Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina and NHI chair Ambeth Ocampo. The NHI's recognition of the monument is expected to stop efforts to relocate the 45-foot high memorial to give way to development in the area. Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo described the declaration and unveiling as "long overdue." *Tina Santos*

### Woman, cop in adultery raps

A HOUSEWIFE and a policeman accused of being lovers have been charged in Quezon City by the woman's husband. Lilibeth Gamban, 30, and PO3 Gilbert Manalo of the National Capital Region Police Office are now detained at the Central Police District Station 8 in Project 4. They were arrested on a complaint of Gamban's husband, Reynaldo, 35, a vendor, of 1003 Ariegui St., Quiapo, Manila. According to Reynaldo's complaint, he and Gamban separated a few days ago and the woman started living with Manalo. The wife retorted that Reynaldo often beat her up when he was high on drugs and that he did not have a job to feed her and their children. *Alcuin Papa*

### Enforcers ignore criminals

METRO Manila Development Authority traffic enforcers assigned in Manila refuse to go after pickpockets, snatchers and other petty criminals, the Western Police District disclosed yesterday. According to WPD spokesperson Chief Insp. Gerry Agunod, the MMDA men claim that fighting crime was not part of their job, which is managing traffic. Agunod added that some enforcers assigned in the city were not familiar with city landmarks, streets or areas. The police official then cited these as among the reasons why the WPD and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza want control over traffic enforcement in the city. *Luige del Puerto*

### Rookie shoots toughie

A NEIGHBORHOOD toughie was critically wounded after he reportedly tried to shoot a rookie policeman with a slingshot yesterday in Malabon City. Police said Michael Gatica, 32, of Dionisio Street, Maysilo, Caloocan City, remained under observation at the Tondo General Hospital after PO1 Leonardo Calipay shot him repeatedly in the body. Probers said Calipay, 31, of Sitio Rosal Street, Maysilo, and detailed with the Malabon City Mobile Patrol Unit, surrendered to his superiors after the incident. Investigation showed that at around 12:30 p.m., Calipay responded to a call about a mauling and stabbing incident at the corner of Yanga and Rosal Streets. At the scene, Calipay saw Gatica attacking Ronald Larong, 23, and ordered him to yield. Instead of stopping, Gatica allegedly aimed a slingshot at Calipay prompting the lawman to shoot. *Tina Santos*

## *'Sea of condoms' irks city councilor*

**By Margaux Ortiz**

THE SIGHT of hundreds of used condoms floating on Manila Bay has alarmed a Manila councilor, and he is now pushing for an ordinance that would penalize ships releasing waste of any kind into the waters.

Manila Councilor Don Ramon Bagatsing said the ordinance seeks to protect Manila's coastal property by regulating waste coming from ships docking or passing through the area.

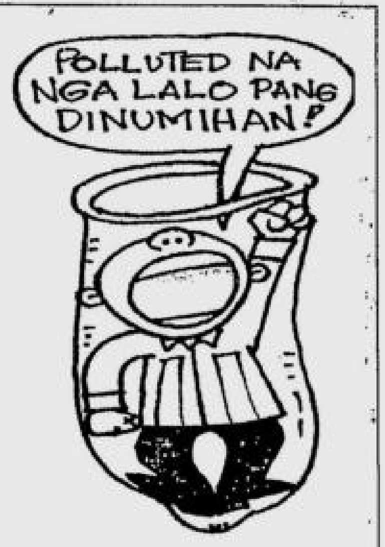
"I was walking by Manila Bay one morning when I saw hundreds of condoms floating on the water," the councilor said.

"I was dismayed when I learned that the condoms (were thrown into the waters) by the prostitutes who would take boat rides during nighttime to service seamen on board the ships (docked in the area)."

Bagatsing said that Aplaya de Manila, a sandbar located within the boundaries of the Manila coastal waters, has been established as a tourism, commercial, residential and recreational zone.

"The city of Manila owns the waters approximately 14 kilometers of water from the mouth of Manila Bay, and it was only right that we took care of our property," he said.

Under his proposed ordinance, first time offenders will be fined between P30,000 to P50,000, as much as P100,000 for the second offense, and up to P150,000 for the third offense. An extra penalty of perpetual prohibition to pass or dock within the city's coastal waters will also be imposed on the third offense.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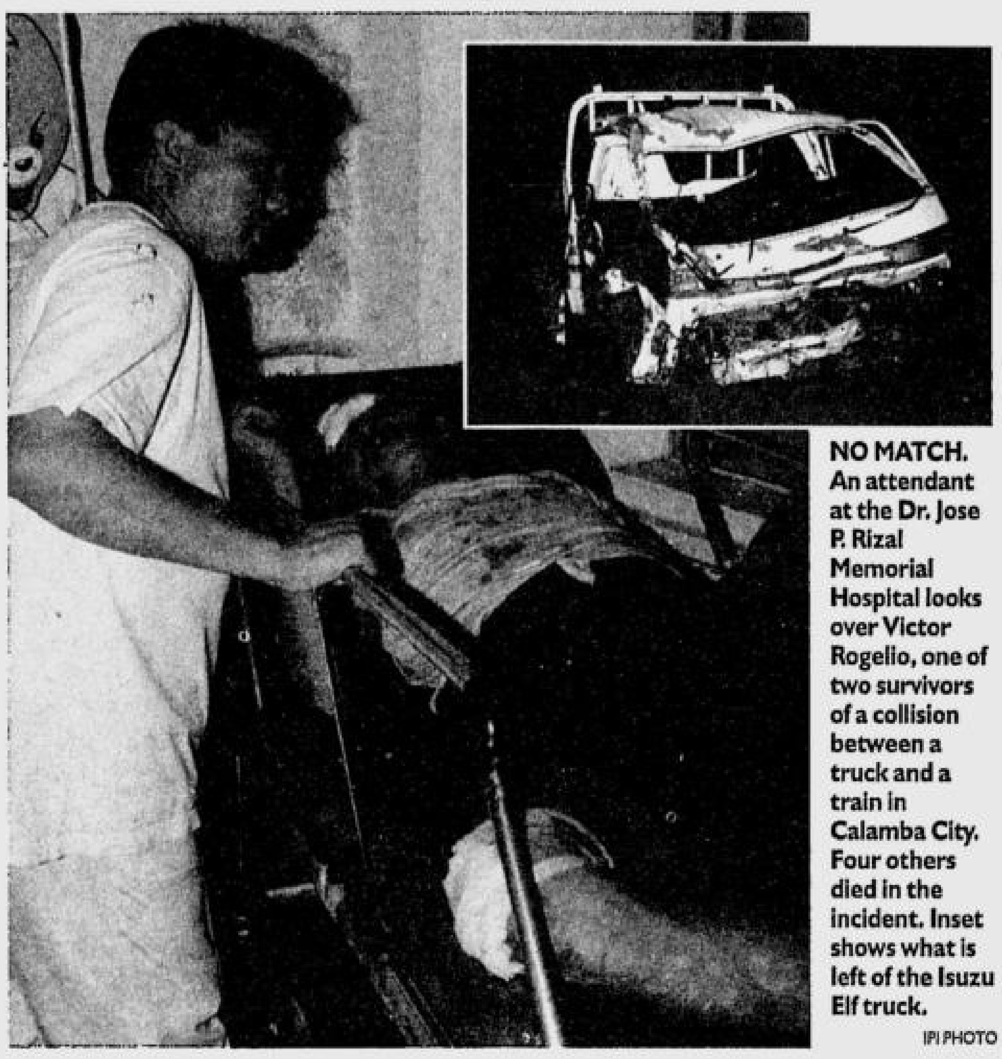

**NO MATCH.** An attendant at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Hospital looks over Victor Rogelio, one of two survivors of a collision between a truck and a train in Calamba City. Four others died in the incident. Inset shows what is left of the Isuzu Elf truck.

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## Truck rams speeding train; 4 die

FOUR people were killed and two others were seriously injured when a six-wheeler truck crashed into a train in Calamba City, Laguna, before midnight Tuesday.

Investigation showed that the truck had tried to race past the train bound for Bicol but instead rammed the train in Barangay Lecheria.

City police chief Senior Supt. Generoso Calderon said that truck driver Jaime Reclaro and helpers John Pielago, Danny Redelos and Bert Quesada were killed in the incident.

Two other truck passengers, identified as Victor Rogelio and Diego Peralta, were injured and in serious condition at the Dr. Jose Rizal Memorial Hospital.

All of the victims were residents of Sta. Cruz, Laguna. They were on board the white Isuzu truck with plate UCB-366.

Calderon said witnesses had seen the truck traveling fast toward the city, apparently trying to outrun the Philippine National Railways (PNR) train, which blew a warning horn.

As it reached the tracks, the truck hit the left side of the train's engine car, the witnesses added.

Quesada and Pielago, who were at the back of the truck, were thrown out of the vehicle because of the impact.

"It's our normal procedure to blow our horns four times as we approach the railroad crossing. We were definitely not at fault here," train operator Leonardo Rull said in Filipino.

The collision also sent the ill-fated truck crashing into a nearby metal craft shop.

The passengers were caught between the dilapidated truck's front panels.

Rescuers took almost an hour to retrieve the victims from the wreckage.

But nobody was hurt among the train passengers even if the accident stranded the travellers for five hours. The collision also damaged the train's air pipe.

This was the second accident in four months that occurred in the same place.

In the first incident, two persons were killed when a southbound bus collided with a PNR train.

The bus driver then blamed the heavy rains for the poor visibility.

Police said they had requested authorities to install warning devices in railroad crossings.

Residents said accidents were common in their area.

They said that it would be a great help if the government set up warning devices in railroads.

"Unless the PNR can immediately install proper early warning devices in railroads in the country, more lives would still be in danger," a resident said. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

## More cops to patrol routes from airport to tourist areas

**By Jerome Aning**

TWO HUNDRED more cops will patrol today the shopping district in Makati City and the five major routes from the international and domestic airports leading to tourist destinations in Metro Manila.

In a joint press conference, National Capital Regional Police Office chief Gen. Reynaldo Velasco presented to Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon 80 policemen who would be deployed along MIA Road and Roxas Boulevard, which leads to the Manila Baywalk area, Rizal Park, the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex, the Malate-Ermita tourist belt, the National Museum and the Pueblo Pilipino in Intramuros, Manila.

The additional lawmen are the first batch of the Task Force METRO, which the NCRPO formed upon instructions of President Macapagal-Arroyo's to secure tourist destinations in the metropolis.

The acronym METRO stands for the priority routes that would be patrolled by the policemen either on foot or on board motorcycles and prowl cars. These are Malacañang-bound roads, Edsa, Taft Avenue, Roxas, and the Ortigas Avenue-Circumferential Road 5 link.

## DOTC outsiders throwing weight around

**ON TARGET**

*Ramon Tulfo*

LAND Transportation Office chief Roberto Lastimoso should have shut up and admitted his shortcomings to President Macapagal-Arroyo who gave him a tongue-lashing on nationwide TV last Monday.

The President blew her top when she found everything in disarray at the LTO main office when made a surprise inspection.

Yesterday, Lastimoso was reported by the INQUIRER to have said that the President had been given the wrong information and should not have lost her temper.

That was the LTO chief's big mistake.

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**The President has eyes and ears in all the corners of her government. They report to her the foolishness of officials and employees of some agencies.**

**In addition to her spies, she also receives feedback from the public.**

**Who could have fed her the information about the prohibitive cost of the emergency warning device (EWD), except for the public? How could she have known about the early closure of the LTO cashier's office, if not from the public? How could she have known about the irregularity attending the emission testing, if not from the public?**

**GMA is very sensitive to complaints from the public. She probably got fed up with all the complaints she had been receiving against the LTO and Lastimoso's failings and decided to check.**

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It seems that history has repeated itself in the case of Lastimoso at the LTO.

When he was chief of the Philippine National Police, Lastimoso, a very accommodating man, was destroyed by his close association with some guys suspected to be drug lords. He was never involved in the drug trade (I can vouch for that), unlike a former subordinate who has become a bigwig, but his guilt-by-association did him in.

At the LTO, the guy who has been destroying Lastimoso is a lawyer named Cagatan. This fellow, hired by Lastimoso as his special assistant, has been fooling around behind his boss's back.

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**I've heard a lot about Cagatan's "monkey business" at the LTO and constantly nagged Lastimoso to remove him.**

**You see, my closeness to Lastimoso stems from my being his adopted classmate in Class 1967 of the Philippine Military Academy.**

**But Lastimoso would ask me to show him proof of Cagatan's irregularities before he could take action.**

**If only Lastimoso listened, he wouldn't have experienced being scolded in front of the TV cameras by the President.**

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Another government official whose close subordinates are destroying him with their misdeeds is Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza.

Retired police generals Cecilio Penilla and Thomas Lantion, hired as consultants at the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), are reportedly throwing their weight around at the DOTC.

Penilla and Lantion, Mendoza's classmates at the PMA (Class 1969), are not regular officials of the DOTC but they issue orders to DOTC undersecretaries, assistant secretaries and bureau directors, according to department insiders.

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**The two retired police generals have reportedly issued memos enjoining all DOTC officials to submit all project studies and proposals to them.**

**Penilla and Lantion, why are you interested in having all project studies and proposals pass through your offices when you are mere consultants? You're not presidential appointees, unlike some of the officials you've been ordering around, you're just what they call in Tagalog *asungot* or hangers-on of Mendoza.**

**Perhaps I can guess why you're so *atat na atat* in going over DOTC project studies and proposals because thar's gold in dem than proposals.**

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My DOTC sources say that the two have been pressuring some contractors to back out of public biddings so their favorite contractors will win and be awarded on some multi-million-peso projects.

If Secretary Mendoza doesn't stop his two mistahs (PMA classmates), he's bound to get into trouble with the President.

If the President has not yet learned about the shenanigans of Lantion and Penilla, she will soon.

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**In the military, a superior officer's order to his subordinate is immediately followed. Not in the Philippine National Police.**

**Chief Supt. Danilo Mangila, director of the Traffic Management Group (TMG), ordered a subordinate officer, Senior Supt. Luisito Maralit, to return a motorcycle his men had seized on suspicion it was stolen.**

**The owner of the motorcycle, Yamaha 750, had presented papers from the dealer and the LTO that he owned the big bike. Mangila saw the documents and determined that they were authentic.**

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He asked Maralit to return the big bike.

Maralit, in turn, passed the order to Supt. Enecito Ubales, chief of the Traffic Enforcement Group of the National Capital Region Police Office. Enecito's men seized and impounded the bike.

But Ubales disobeyed both Mangila and Maralit's orders for him to return the big bike.

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**Ubales questions the authority of Mangila to issue a directive to him when he is not directly under the general.**

**The bike's owner, architect Artemio Esic, told this writer Ubales and his men had demanded P15,000 from him in exchange for the return of his bike.**

**What's with you, Ubales? For a small sum, you would risk losing your job?**

**TIME HONOREE**

Actress and environmental activist Chin-Chin Gutierrez waves as she enters the departure area of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Wednesday before boarding a flight to Tokyo. She will be in Japan to receive an award from Time magazine for being a tireless heroine for Mother Earth. She was the lone Filipino in Time's list of ``Asian Heroes" for the year and was featured on Time's cover.

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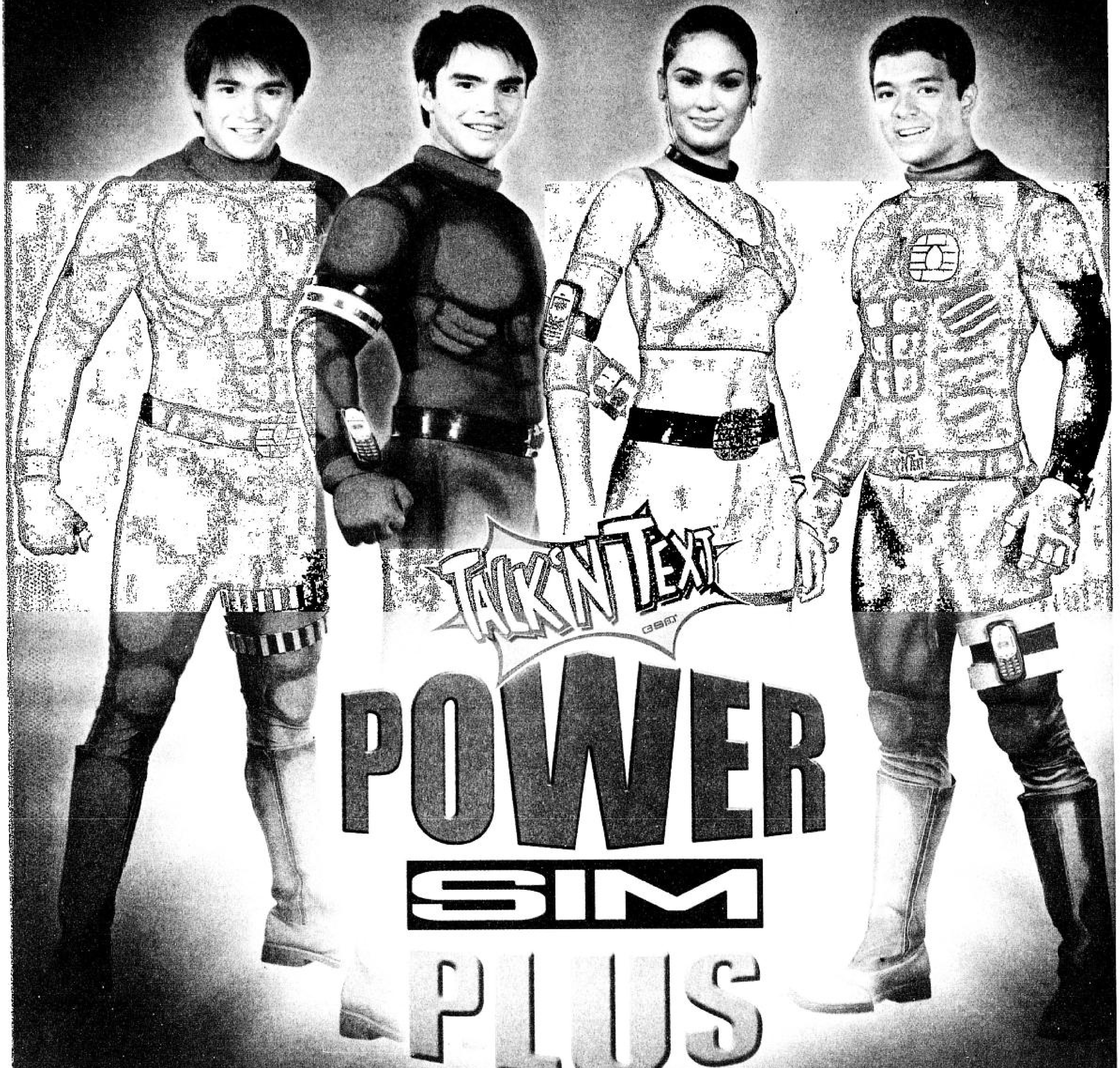

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# Peña agrees to re-test same sample

**By June Navarro**

**DORIAN Peña of San Miguel Beer has become the first Philippine Basketball Association player to avail of a retest using the same urine specimen which tested positive for prohibited drugs.**

Although all six players who recently failed the drug test met the deadline set for their appeal last week, only Peña has unconditionally agreed to go through another test using the same urine sample.

PBA technical chief Perry Martinez said the retest would be held next week at the latest.

Martinez said Peña, the 6-foot-8 SMB slotman, had already picked a laboratory accredited by the Department of Health where the retesting will be done but his choice has no equipment similar to that being used by the PNP Crime Laboratory.

Martinez said the pathology laboratory of Peña's choice should be equipped with a Gas Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy or a machine far more superior than the GCMS.

"As far as I know, there are only two laboratories here in Metro Manila that use the GCMS. Dorian should pick one of those labs for the retest," said Martinez.

He said Peña could either pick the Dangerous Drugs Board laboratory or the chemistry department of the Ateneo De Manila University, which are both equipped with the state-of-the-art GCMS.

The PNP Crime Laboratory uses the GCMS to confirm the presence and breakdown of banned substances on urine samples.

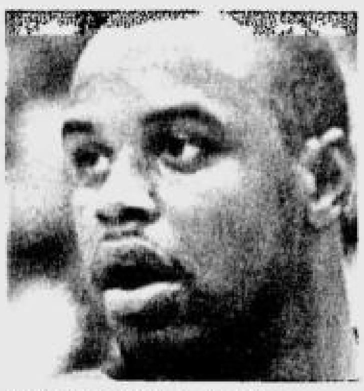
Martinez said Jun Limpot of Barangay Ginebra, Red Bull's Davonn Harp, Talk N Text's Noli Locsin and Long David and Ryan Bernardo of FedEx also appealed their cases but failed to say if they are willing to go through a retest using the same urine specimen.

"They still have to discuss their respective appeals with the commissioner," said Martinez, adding they didn't make it clear they want to undergo a retest like Peña.

Norman Gonzales of Talk N Text and Barangay Ginebra's Alex Crisano, who also flunked the test before Limpot and Co., had declined to go through another test using the same urine sample.

Peña and Asi Taulava of Talk N Text were the first drug offenders caught this year although they were only fined with two-game suspensions for using marijuana.

The rest of the players who failed the drug test starting with Red Bull's Jimwell Torion were slapped indefinite suspensions.



**PEÑA is first player to do so.**

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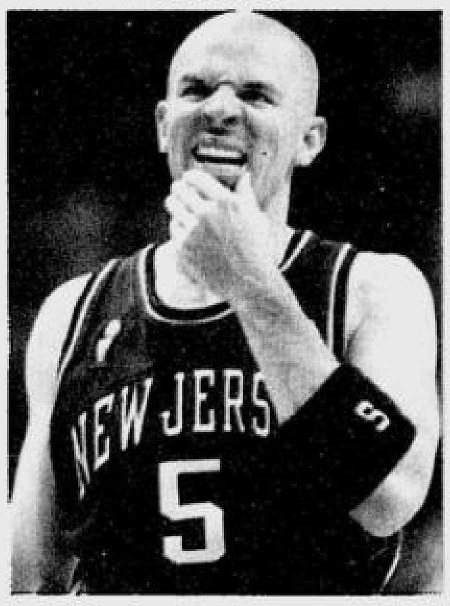

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## MILESTONE

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**ANDRE Agassi of the United States stands next to a scoreboard after completing his 1000th professional tennis match against Peter Luczak of Australia on Tuesday at the Queens Club in London. Agassi won, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.** AP

## SPORTS TV

**Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat**

BASKETBALL: NBA Finals - Spurs vs Nets, Game 4; 8:30 a.m.; IBC 13 (r - 6:30 p.m.) and Solar Sports (r - 9 p.m.) - New Jersey hopes to gain some ground against San Antonio at the Continental Airlines Arena.

The Unforgettabulls; 5 p.m. (r); ESPN - Check out the final running of the Bulls during the Jordan-era.

GOLF: 2003 US Open Preview; 12 noon and 3:30 p.m.(r); ESPN - The third installment of this appetizer is served to satisfy your appetite for top-notch golf.

2003 US Open, First Round; tomorrow at 1 a.m.; ESPN and RPN 9 - The action from Olympia Fields, Illinois goes into full swing.

BILLIARDS: Rack 'Em Up 2; 1 p.m. (r) and 2:30 p.m.; ESPN - Earl Strickland goes up against Steve Davis and Rico Diks, respectively in separate matches.

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# Tiger hunters set ambush

**OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—The Tiger hunters are out in force at the US Open, and the awe and fear that Woods once struck in opponents is rapidly fading.**

Masters champion Mike Weir and world number two Ernie Els are leading the charge to strip the 27-year-old Woods of his remaining Major and leave him without a Major title for the first time in four years.

Weir has no fears about taking on the world's top player. As far as the left-handed Canadian is concerned, a US Open course is tailor-made for his game–especially here at Olympia Fields.

"I've always felt the strength of my game has been my mid-irons. What makes me feel I have a chance here is that for the most part it's going to be mid-irons," explained Weir. "The golf course sets up for me pretty well."

The 33-year-old is so confident of his game that he is even eyeing the Grand Slam.

Els, paired with Woods for the first two rounds, is coming back after an enforced lay-off caused when he injured his wrist hitting a punchbag he has hanging in his garage.

After a blistering start to the season Els faded slightly but now, battling fit, his game is coming back to where he wants it.

The two-time US Open champion sees no reason why he can't make it three.

"I'm not too far away," said Els, who spent all of last week working on his putting. *AFP*

## Ball in Woods' fairway

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—Tiger Woods believes he has the perfect defense against any cross-winds at this week's US Open–a new high-tech three-cover golf ball. "It's a weird ball, it goes further and spins more on the greens. But hey, it works and I'm pleased at the signs it's showing." *Reuters*

**TIGER Woods blasts out of a bunker on the practice green at Olympia Fields Country Club. Not as sharp as in previous years, Woods will defend his title against a host of well-prepared rivals.** REUTERS

# Reconnecting to a glorious past

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

ZORAN Radovic is in town.

Who cares?

I care. Zoran comes from Yugoslavia, the country that captured my imagination a quarter century ago. Zoran suddenly reconnects me to a past so glorious for me to forget.

In 1978, Yugoslavia won the world basketball championship right here in Manila. That started my fascination for this land torn by war more than a decade or so ago, a war that gave birth to Bosnia-Herzegovina (capital: Sarajevo).

Covering the world basketball event at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum in 1978 as a sportswriter then for the Bulletin, I immediately fell in love with Yugoslavia. How could this relatively unknown country have beaten such basketball powers like the United States and Russia?

Yet, Yugoslavia would proceed to nab the title, beating a heavily favored Russian quintet for the gold.

I remember the Russian coach, so small but whose temper was as huge and fiery as Mt. Pinatubo at the height of its eruption more than 10 years ago.

After his team's loss to Yugoslavia, the Russian coach, whose name escapes my mind, could not hide his disappointment. He castigated his wards so savagely that when he was through delivering his tirades, you could feel his saliva splattered all over the dugout.

Such was his anger that when I asked him what made Yugoslavia such a tough team to beat, he gave me a glare and a look that could make you own up to the murder of Ninoy Aquino.

Soon, I would discover that Yugoslavia's victory was no fluke. The Belgrade boys had previously won the world crown staked once in every four years only–in 1970.

Researching more on Yugoslavia, I would learn that its major languages are Serbian and Albanian, but many speak fluent English. Like Zoran Radovic, who is in town and being escorted around by Graham Lim, the secretary general of the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

Yugoslavia is much smaller than the Philippines. It has a land area of 102,173 square kilometers compared to the Philippines' 300,000 sq km. It has a much smaller population than the Philippines. Yugoslavia's population in 1999 was 10,635,000, compared to the Philippines' 72,944,000.

Despite the big discrepancy in population, Yugoslavia beats the Philippines in world stature in basketball. By a mile.

Yugoslavia plays regularly in both the world basketball championship and the Olympic Games.

The Philippines made it to the 1978 world championship mainly by virtue of its hosting the event.

Our last stint in the Olympics was in 1972 when Asia still had two slots to the Olympiad. Today, with just a single berth allotted to the Asian continent for Olympic participation, China lords it over the field. China, the sleeping giant before it woke up in the '70s, had its doors closed yet to the world when the Philippines and Japan were the perennial Olympic representatives from Asia.

But going back to the population issue.

Who said population has much to do with a country being a surefire power in sports, let alone basketball?

Yugoslavia's 10 million people against RP's 70 million is quite a gap. Yet, the Philippines, for all its world-famous image as a basketball country, has yet to land a slot in world events.

And take the case of China. With its nearly 1.5 billion inhabitants, China owns one-fourth of the world's population. Yet it has not won a single world basketball crown, let alone an Olympic medal.

Yugoslavia, whose population is a mere fraction of China's, has five world titles, including back-to-back victories in 1998 and 2002. China, representing Asia, finished near the cellar last year in Indianapolis.

All right China has a Yao Ming playing in the NBA. And before him, Wang Zhi Zhi and Mengke Bateer, too.

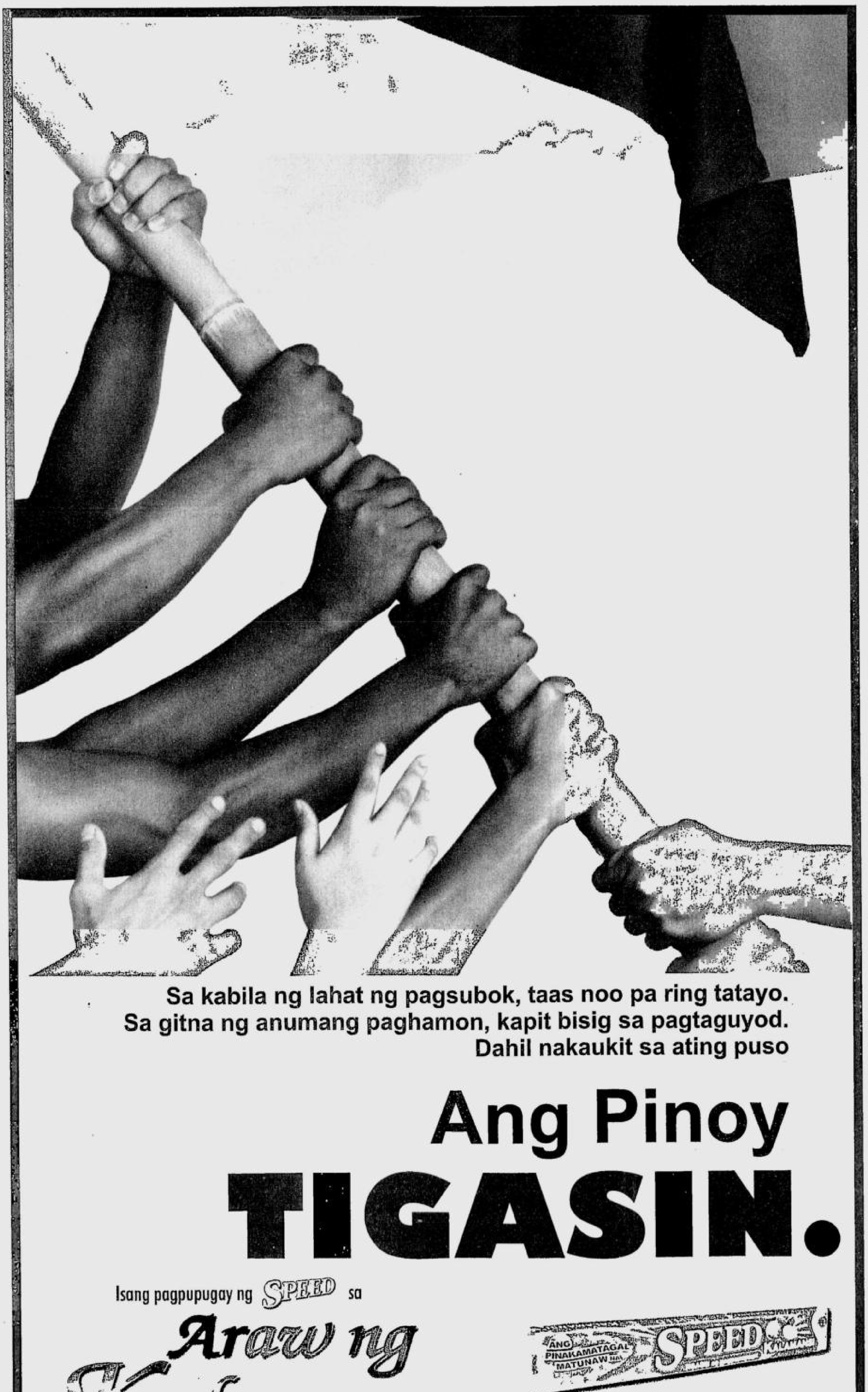
But Yugoslavia has Divac, Kukoc and Stojakovic. Torkuglu is Turkish but he has Yugoslavian roots; his parents moving to Turkey where Torkuglu obtained his Turkish citizenship and soon played for Turkey in international competitions. And before them, Drazen Petrovic, the dead shot from afar.

Oh, well, Drazen Petrovic; he was the guy fast turning out to be an NBA star until he met his tragic death in a car crash while vacationing in Europe during the off-season. That was in the '90s, several years after I met him in Girona, Spain, while I was covering the 1985 world interclub championship where San Miguel Beer was entered. Drazen was then playing for his country alongside his brother, Alexander, the team's point guard.

"He was almost a national hero," said Zoran of Drazen. "His brother Alexander, now 44 I guess, is coaching a top-ranked team back home."

Zoran Radovic, a rangy 6-foot-3, was himself a basketball icon in his heyday. But that's another story–a story worth telling here tomorrow.

See you around.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# Nets get a whiff of glory

**EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—As they prepared for the game that might decide the fate of their NBA title dreams, the New Jersey Nets could smell a championship.**

"You come into the building this afternoon, and you have a sense of champagne and beer," Jason Kidd said Tuesday before the Nets' practice at Continental Airlines Arena.

About 13 hours earlier, the New Jersey Devils' raised ice hockey's Stanley Cup on the ice now below the freshly assembled basketball court. Kenyon Martin attended the hockey game to enjoy the winning vibe–and he sat next to George Steinbrenner, who knows a bit about championships.

"It was great for them to win it here, and now the pressure is on us," Martin said. "It's a good pressure. That was a great feeling for those guys. I'm excited for them. We're in a position where we can do the same thing, so now let's go out and play."

In Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday, the Nets will find out whether they've got any realistic hope of hanging a title banner on the opposite end of the arena from those belonging to the Devils.

A 3-1 deficit has never been overcome in the NBA Finals. Martin told the rest of the Nets, down 2-1 to the San Antonio Spurs, to treat Game 4 as if it were the last game of the season—since it might turn out to be the last one that matters.

The Spurs won Game 3 in New Jersey, and they could take prohibitive control of the series with another dominating inside-outside performance from the tandem of Tim Duncan and Tony Parker.

"Any team down 3-1 is devastated," Spurs guard Stephen Jackson said. "It would definitely take the confidence out of them."

To win their first NBA title, the Nets must figure out how to score consistently against the Spurs' ever-changing defense. Run-and-gun New Jersey has been stuck in neutral for most of the series, with San Antonio's strong transition defense preventing most of the fast breaks that are New Jersey's specialty.

And Martin, the Nets' excitable power forward, might be the key. New Jersey's leading playoff scorer is averaging 19.3 points in the series, but he has vanished in the fourth quarter of all three games.

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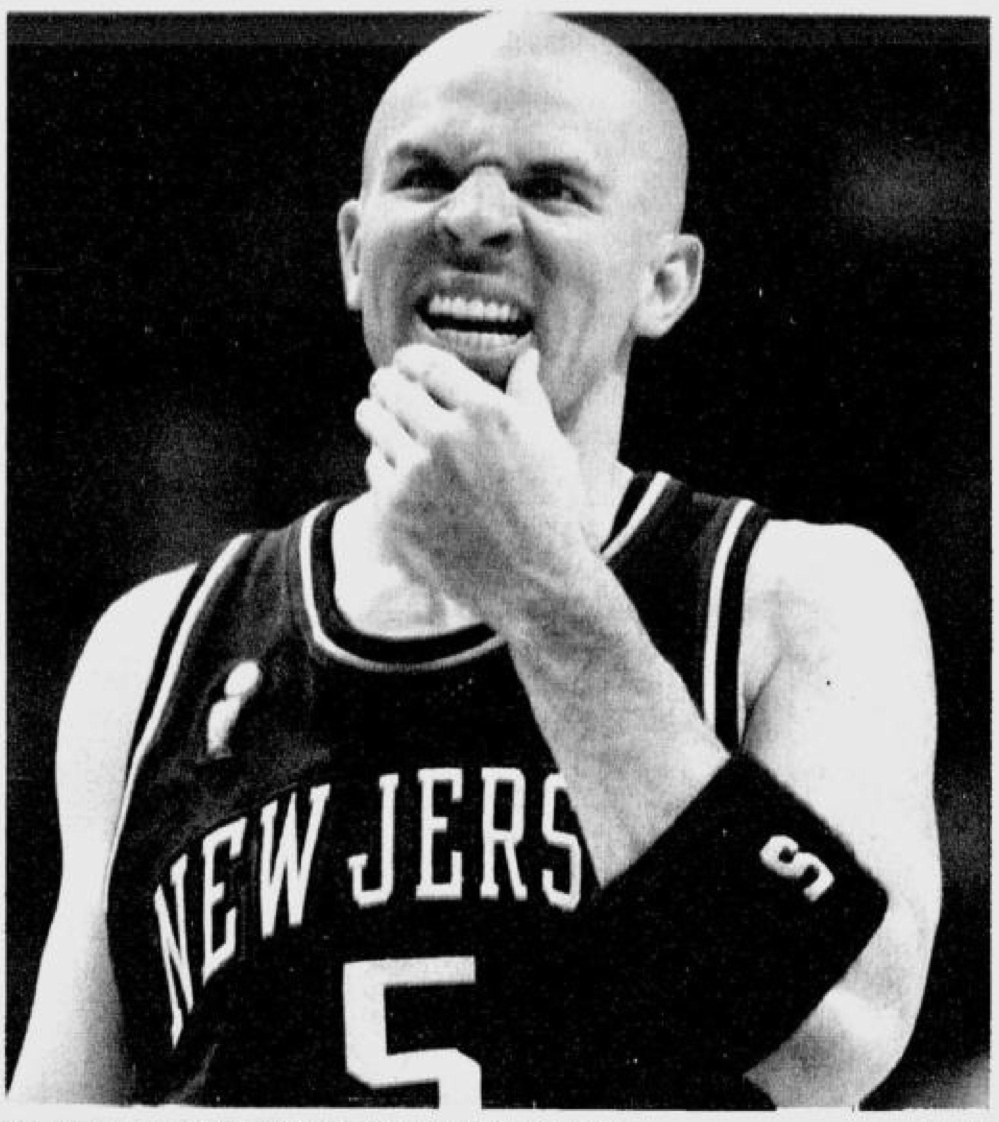
SOLAR Sports will telecast Game Four of the NBA Finals between the San Antonio Spurs and the New Jersey Nets live at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday, June 12) on IBC-13 and at 11 a. m. on Channel 29 (Skycable/Homecable). The replay will be at 6:30 p.m. on IBC-13 and 9 p.m. on Channel 29.



JASON Kidd envies the New Jersey Devils' hockey heroics. REUTERS

# First Luzon Games slated Sept. 14-21

**By Marc Anthony Reyes**

WITH the Palarong Pambansa in the freezer, the Philippine Sports Commission has started preparations for the first Luzon Games set Sept. 14-21 in Pangasinan and Baguio City.

The holding of most of the events in Lingayen and Dagupan was agreed last Sunday during a technical consultative meeting in Baguio City presided by PSC chair Eric Buhain and attended by several sports coordinators and local government officials.

The venue for the golf tournament has yet to be decided, however, between Club John Hay in Baguio or Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac.

Buhain said the PSC is pursuing its other programs while waiting for a decision on when to hold the Palaro set in Lanao del Norte.

"Though the Palaro is one of the PSC's major projects this year, we don't want to lag behind in our grassroots development program which is already in the calendar," said Buhain.

He said the Palaro would push through as soon as Lanao del Norte is declared safe for about 5,000 students and officials taking part.

Buhain said he has instructed commissioner Ambrosio de Luna to conduct a series of meetings with sports and LGU officials in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and Naga City.

Hosting the meeting in Laoag will be former Project Gintong Alay chief Michael Keon, sports consultant of the provincial government of Ilocos Norte. It will be Camarines Sur Gov. Luis Villafuerte who will play host in Naga City.

## SPORTSWATCH

### 'Bid' passes away

UNADILLA, New York—Spectacular Bid, a steel gray colt whose drive to win the Triple Crown in 1979 was derailed by a safety pin on the day of the Belmont Stakes, died at 27. The thoroughbred died of a heart attack Monday at Milfer Farm southeast of Syracuse, where he stood at stud, a spokesman for the farm said. The death came two days after Funny Cide failed in a bid to win the Triple Crown. Spectacular Bid was foaled Feb. 17, 1976. His sire was Bold Bidder and dam was Spectacular. Purchased as a yearling for US$37,000 by Harry and Teresa Meyerhoff, "Bid", as the horse was nicknamed, was spectacular from the moment he entered a starting gate. *AP*

### Magallanes advances

MAGALLANES tallied 285 Stableford points and won the second round of the Nokia Intervillage Central Golf tournament, joining Greenmeadows and Bel-Air in the grand finals of the annual event at Manila Golf Club Tuesday. James Alviar, Lorenzo Siapuatco and Jiggs Alviar Jr. each scored 38 points for Magallanes, which was third in the first round of the series among villages in Makati and Mandaluyong. Other scorers for Magallanes were Mike Alviar (37), Emil Alviar (36), Luke Gaston (35), Stephen Lasam (32) and Tony Katigbak (31).

### Barbers golf today

THE 1ST GM Robert Dean Barbers Cup Open will be held at the Club Intramuros course today. Tee-off time in the event to be staged under the auspices of the Club Intramuros Golfers Association Inc. is at 8 a.m. Barbers, general manager of the Philippine Tourism Authority, said that this is part of the celebration of the country's 105th Independence Day and a kickoff meet to renovate the Club Intramuros.

### Korean bet sizzles

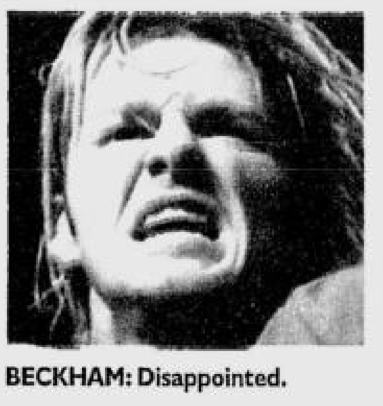
KOREAN Yoon Dal Young came up with a perfect game to grab the spotlight in the penultimate day of the 32nd Boysen-PBC International Open Bowling Championships eliminations Tuesday night. Using a 15 lb Columbia Icon EQ ball, the 31-year-old Young netted the 300 mark on lanes 29 and 30 of the Green Valley Center in Pasig, becoming the first player to score the feat in the meet sponsored by Boysen, Philippine Sports Commission, Kegel Asia and Aviva. In notching the 13th perfect game of his nine-year playing career, the Korean right hander was rewarded with a P100,000 prize purse courtesy of Aviva.

### Basilan netters win

JIMBO Salip tripped Basilan teammate Alkhady Jainul, 6-3, 6-3, in the unisex 10-under division to overshadow the twin-title feat of Ruel Damian in the recent 2003 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop Saturday here at the Zamboanga City Lawn Tennis Association courts. Salip and Jainul, proteges of tennis patron and Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar, shared the limelight with Basilan lass Lani Enriquez, who edged Noemi Damian 6-3, 7-5 to bag the girls' 14-under class and Orie Go, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Jessie Ong to capture the boys' 14-under title. Local aficionados James Ramirez, Al Allian, Director Soriano Eddun and CTW director Jovy Mamawal awarded the trophies to the winners.

### Derby stakes P2.2M

A TOTAL of 75 entries have so far registered for the Roligon Mega Cockpit's "Hattah-Hattah 5-Cock Derby" on June 28, July 1, 3 and 5. For a low entry fee of P8,800, the guaranteed prize at stake is P2.2 million, according to sportsman Rolly Ligon. All two pointers in the elimination rounds on June 28, July 1 and 3 will share the P100,000 bonus prize per day while the fastest kill champ gets P35,000. For inquiries, please call 833-2275 and 833-1638.



**BECKHAM: Disappointed.**

# Beckham wants say on where he plays

LONDON—David Beckham seems ready to veto a deal that would send the Manchester United star to Barcelona.

The two European powers Tuesday agreed on a sale for the world's most famous soccer player. Beckham first must give approval, and there is little indication he will do so.

The deal is contingent on Beckham agreeing to contract terms and Joan Laporta winning Sunday's election as president of the Barcelona club.

Beckham said he has no plans to meet with Laporta. Sidelined with a broken wrist, Beckham and wife Victoria, a former member of pop group, The Spice Girls, are in Los Angeles.

"David is very disappointed and surprised to learn of this statement and feels that he has been used as a political pawn in the Barcelona presidential elections," said SFX, his management company.

No fee was disclosed by Manchester United. Reports have said any bid for Beckham would have to be at least $48 million.

Beckham is paid a reported $143,000 a week at Manchester United.

# Pinoy chesser strikes twice in Italy

JOSEPH Sanchez practices what he preaches.

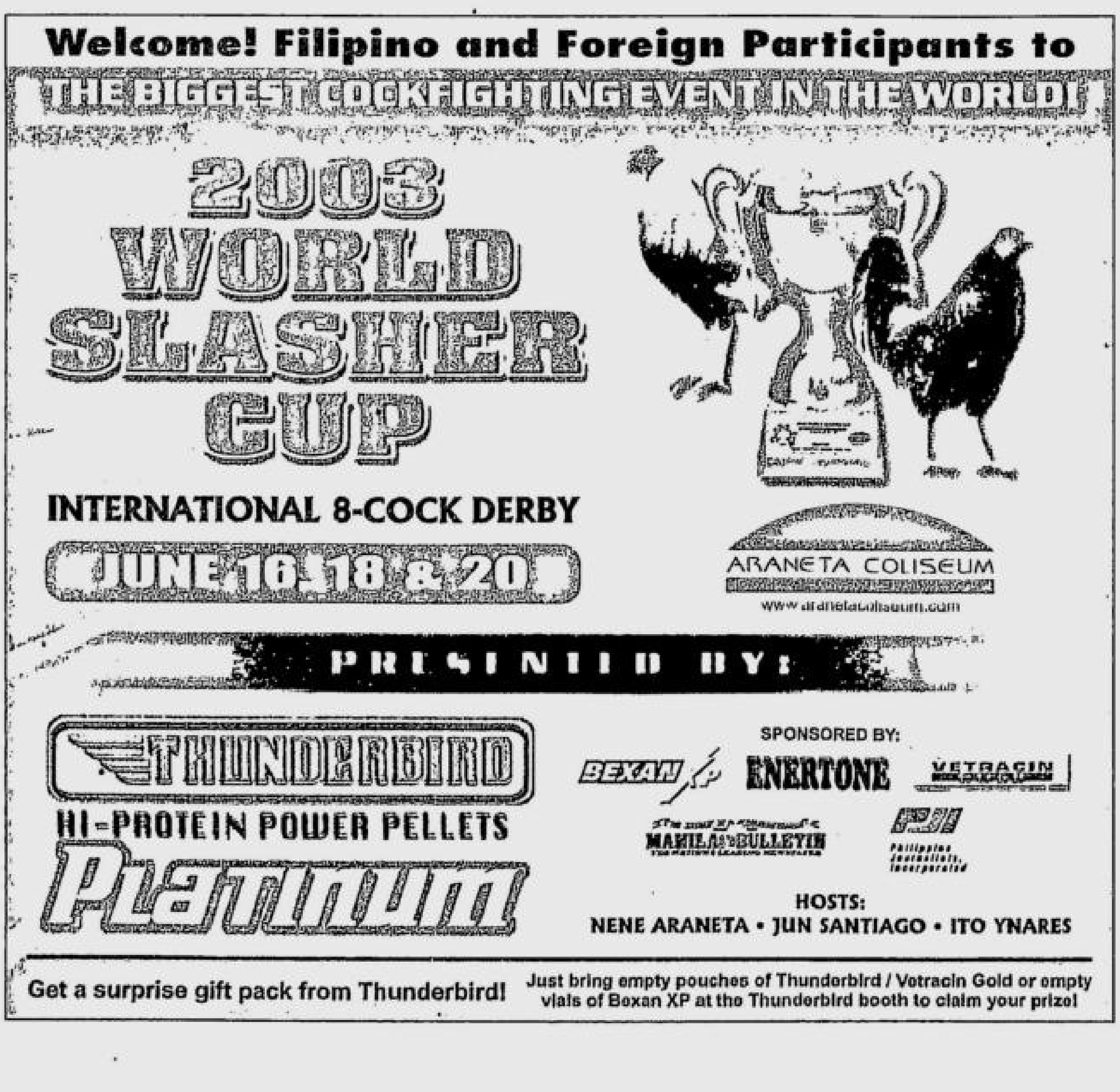
The newly installed International Master, best known as mentor and coach of Grandmaster candidate Mark Callano Paragua, is showing his mettle as a player in the European chess circuit.

The 32-year-old Sanchez, a Navyman from Cebu City, topped the 3rd Festival Seacchi Verdi Bresso International Open Chess Championship recently in Bresso, north of Milano, Italy.

He scored 4.5 points out of six games to duplicate his triumph in the 2003 Trofeo Vedio Category II Closed event held earlier in Milano.

Sanchez relayed the news by e-mail NM Marlon Bernardino.

Among the players Sanchez beat for the Seacchi Verdi title were Yugoslav IMs Ljubisavijvic and Dragojlovic and Italian FMs Sbarra and De Santis (4 pts each). *Roy Luarca*



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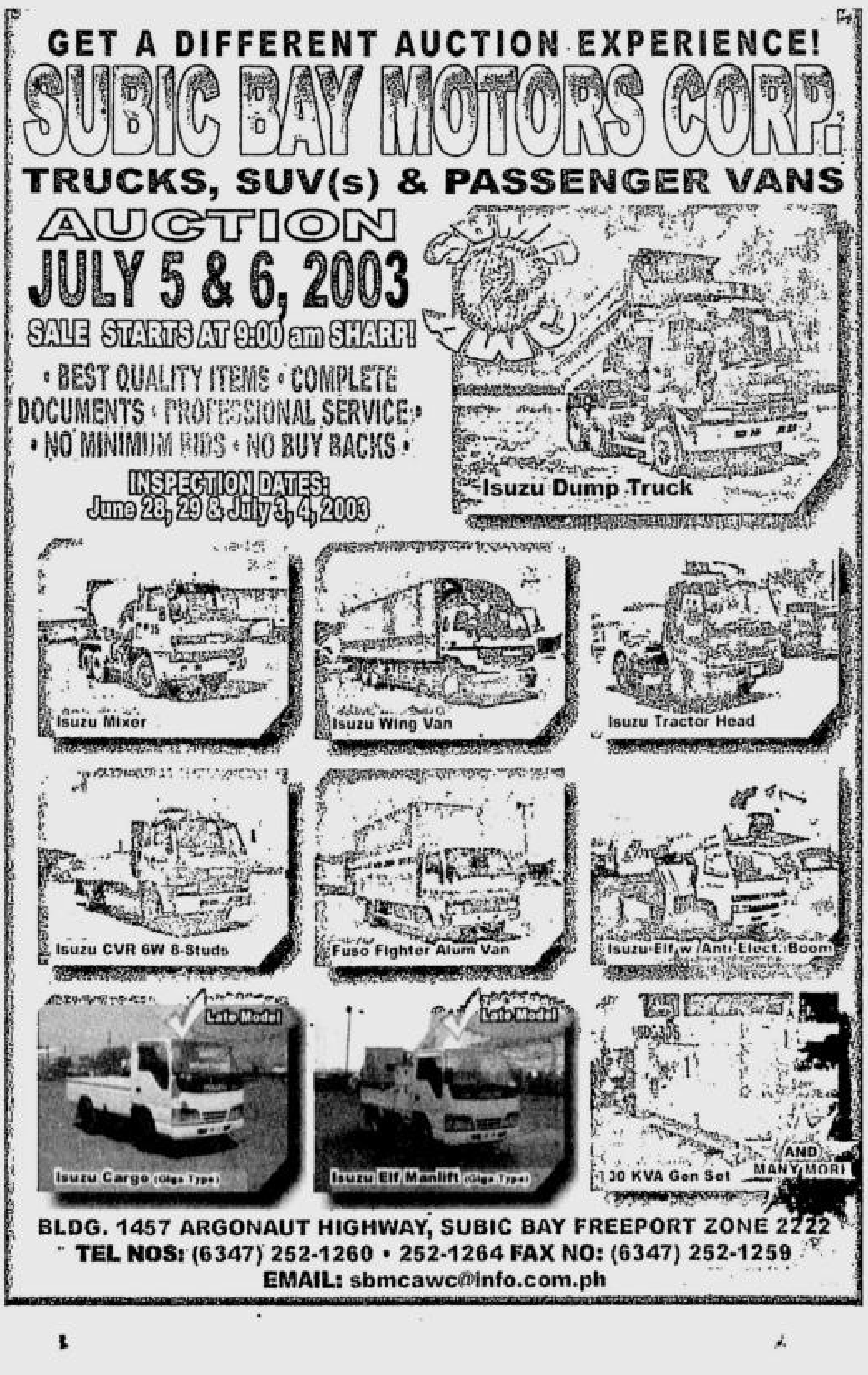

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# Martin: Gossip ...

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The Martin-Cutie rumor started late last year when the latter was often seen with Martin's family at his concerts. Martin asserted that Cutie is "first and foremost a dear friend."

"This is an issue that is being rehashed," he said. "I apologize to both their families for dragging their names into my curse. Please put all the blame on me. Rumors are part and parcel of the world I am in."

## Fed up

He said it was "awful timing" when Katrina had to go home to Manila to attend a relative's wedding while he was still performing in Las Vegas. While Katrina was in Manila, Cutie reportedly joined Martin in Las Vegas. But Martin denied this.

"Katrina went to Manila not to get away from me," he said. "My Las Vegas gig and the wedding of her relative were planned months ago. I did not ask her to leave. But she was only in Manila for a week and boom! All the gossip went off. She got fed up hearing all the rumors about Cutie and me."

He admitted he has been taking the breakup with Katrina very badly.

"I can have any girl I want, but Katrina brought reality to my life," he said. "I will still be there for her, but it's over between us. Maybe she deserves someone better."

He called Katrina "the wife I never had, although we were never married and we don't have kids, except our two cocker spaniels, Cookie and Nikki."

He added, "I believe this is my curse. Every time I go up the ladder, the payoff is greater."

Martin is expected to be back in Manila tomorrow.

**Jolina Magdangal** was seen alone, apparently waiting for someone, at the Shangri-La Mall in Mandaluyong City recently. Could it be her rumored boyfriend, **James Blanco,** who is also her costar in the new GMA 7 telenovela, "Narito ang Puso Ko?" But it could also be her dad Jun, her mom Paulette or her driver.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

# Welcome back...

From page A31

ers respect. So, aside from coming up with more memorable performances, Susan can make a big difference if, either singly or in tandem with her husband, she does what she can to help local movie people and their products redeem themselves in the eyes of their audience.

## French Festival

CINEMA 6 of SM Megamall is the venue for this year's French Film Festival (now ongoing). Ticket price is only P30.

Schedule of remaining film screenings:

June 12, Thursday: 2 p.m., "Hell of a Day" by **Mario Vernoux.** There are some days you just shouldn't get out of bed. This is the story of one of those days. Five people go through a lot of ups and downs. One is enriched, another broken down by the experience. One had it coming, another was just quietly getting along with life. But–!

5 p.m., "Gregoire Moulin vs Humanity," by **Artus de Penguern.** Shy insurance agent works in a Paris office with a view overlooking a ballet studio. He has fallen in love with dance teacher Odile, but he dares not approach her. Desperate to meet her, he steals her wallet, and calls her the next day. They agree to meet, but things happen that make it difficult for him to keep their appointment.

8 p.m., "Amen," by **Constantin Costa-Gauras.** Two systems: the Nazi machine and the Vatican and Allied diplomacy. An SS officer and a young Jesuit struggle from within those systems.

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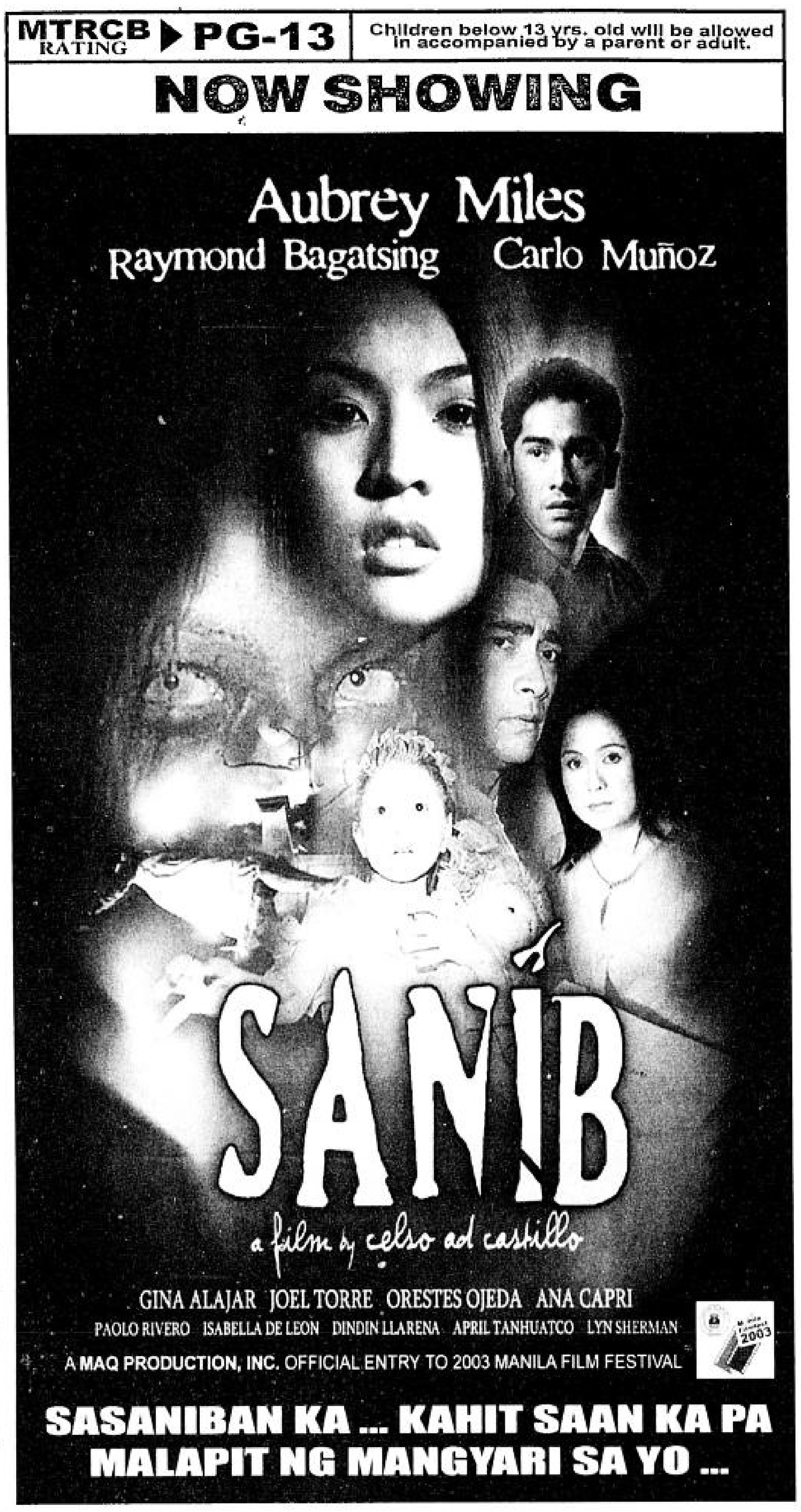
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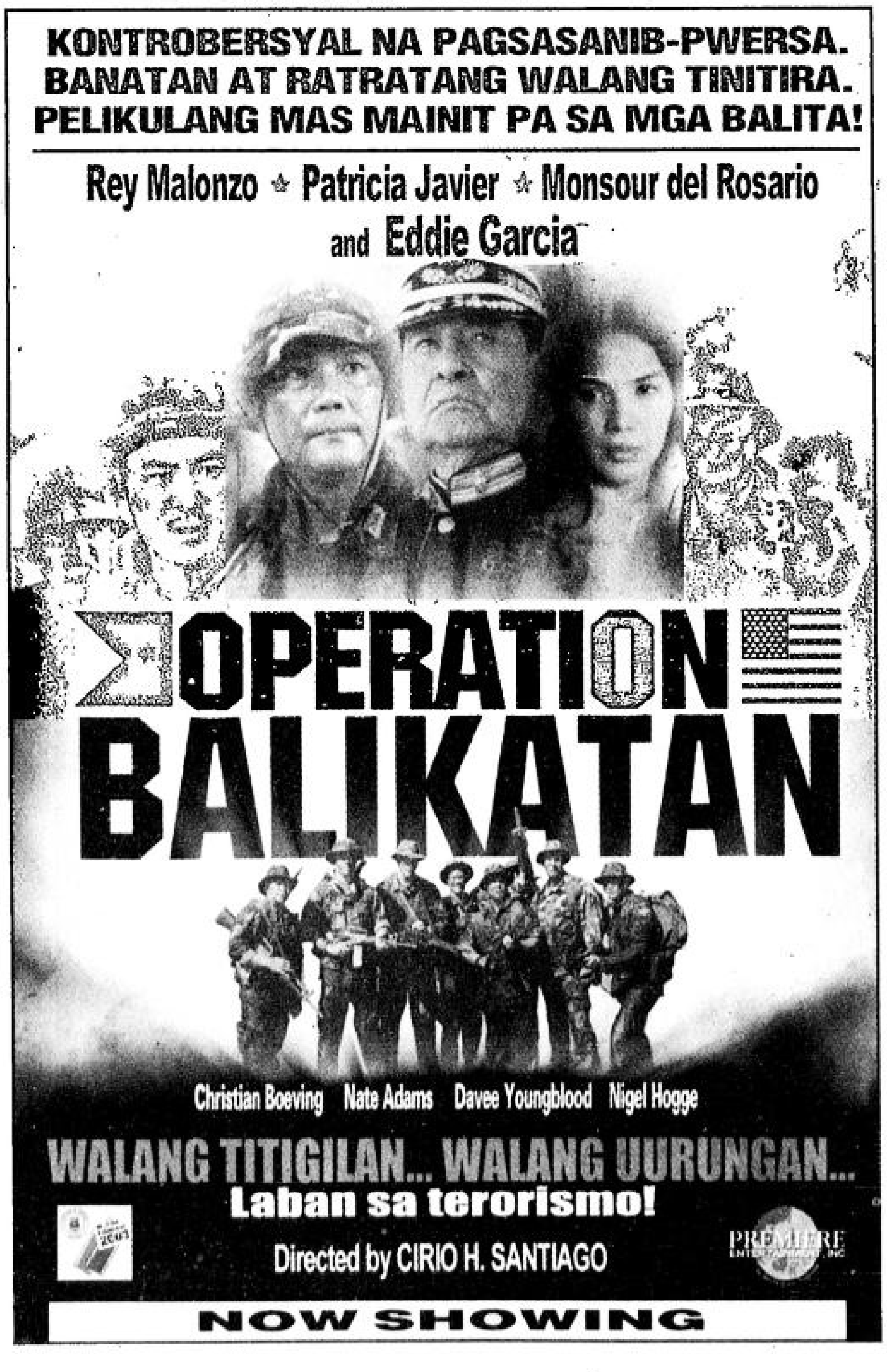
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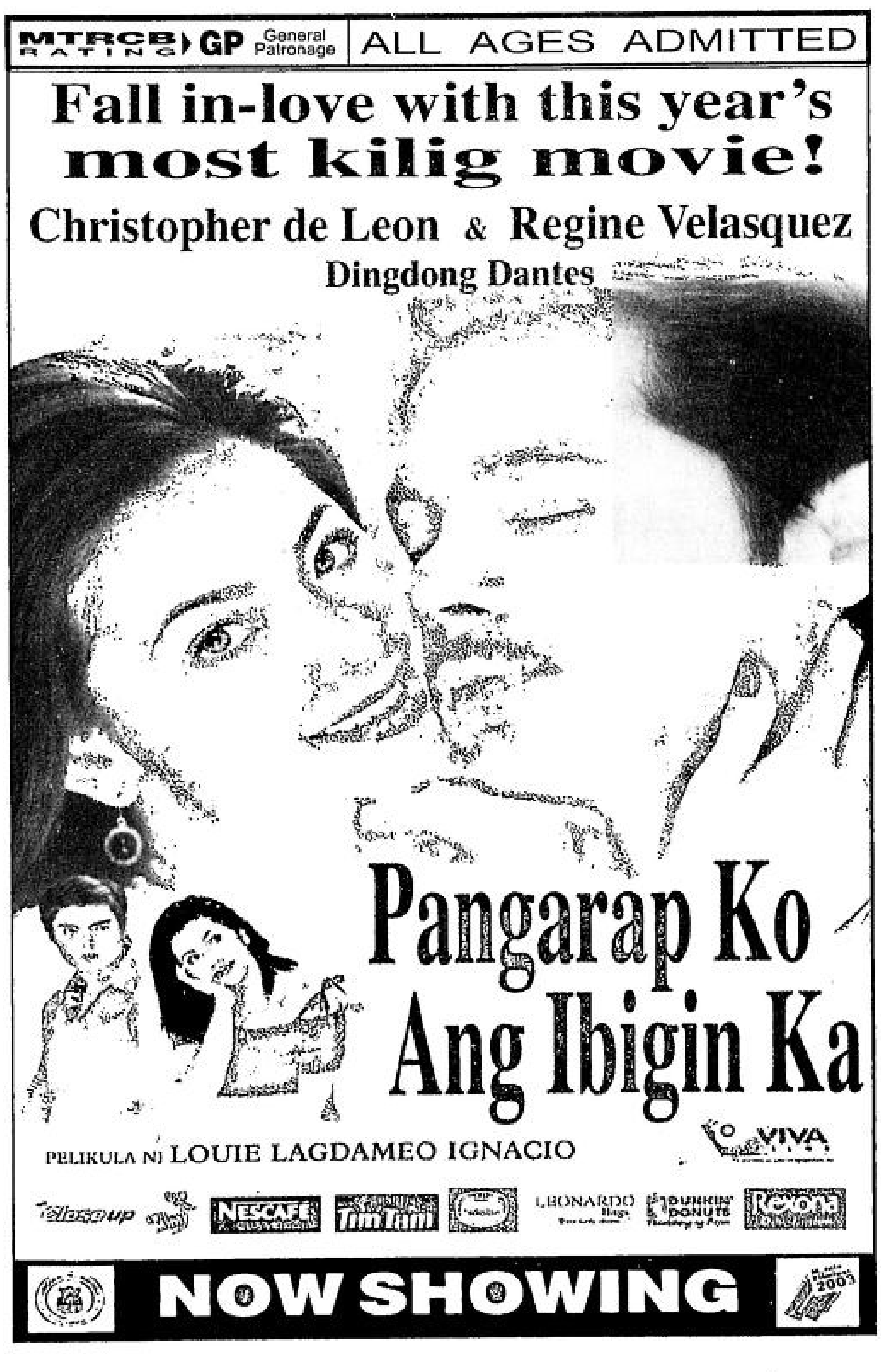
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# Splitting up, moving on

From page A0

As for Ara, this is all Aiko has to say: "I've forgiven her but I can never forget what happened. Forever *ko dala 'yun* but the bitterness is gone."

She added: I would still marry Jom if I were to live my life all over again because without him, I wouldn't have my son **André**."

And you, dear readers, my Independence Day message for you is may you all be unburdened by whatever excess baggage you have. Fly light through life!

## Gay Sinta

I had a blast hosting the Ms Gay Sinta ng QC pageant with the inimitable **Rey Kilay** (from The Library which is celebrating its 18th fab year, June 16-22).

Kudos to Councilor Aiko Melendez for a successful event. It was such a blast that Aiko is thinking of holding the contest annually. As I said in the pageant, if men are from Mars and women are from Venus, then gays have the best of both worlds.

I was delighted that **Melanie Marquez,** the head of the board of judges, and I finally patched things up. For some time, she was quite upset with me for writing the grievances of her late dad's (**Temyong Marquez**) widow.

I salute Melanie for being level-headed enough to know that I

was merely a medium who relayed her stepmom's sentiments. The stepmom's thoughts were not my thoughts. If only most stars would try to look at the entire frame, the way Melanie did, instead of just focusing on the picture, show biz would be a much prettier sight!

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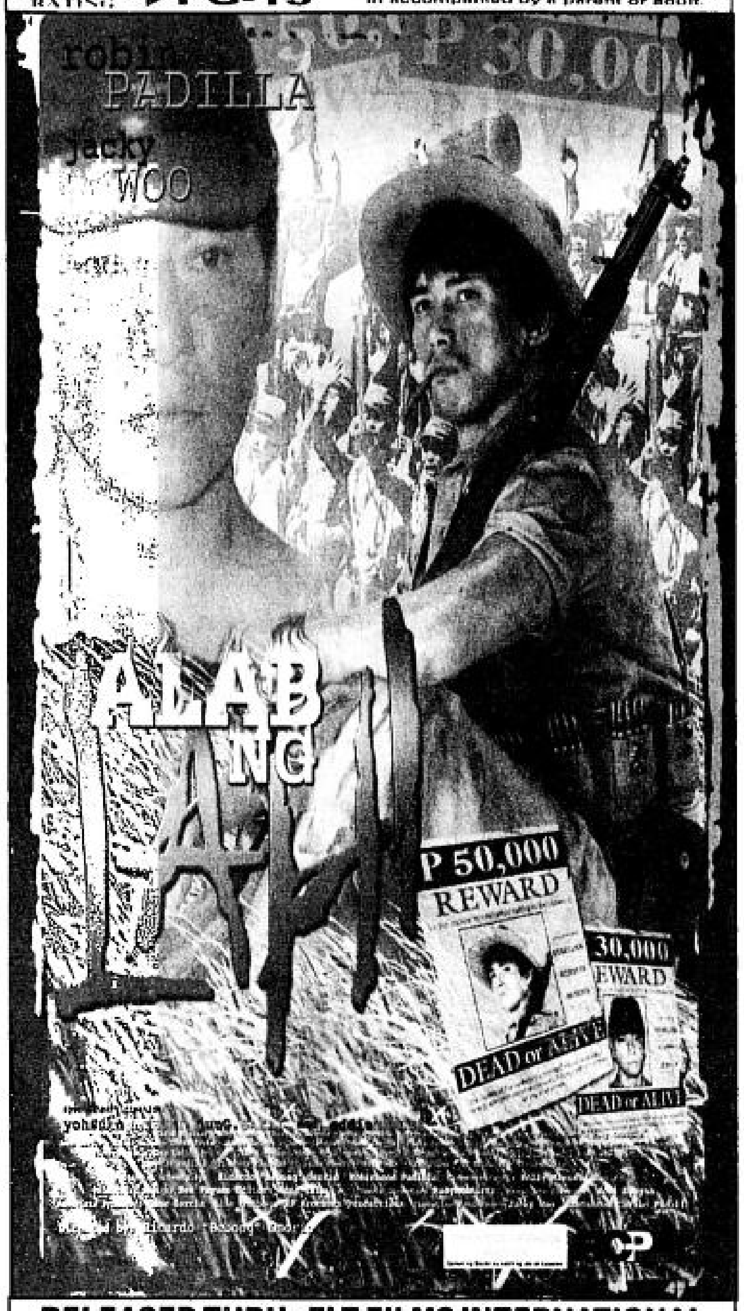

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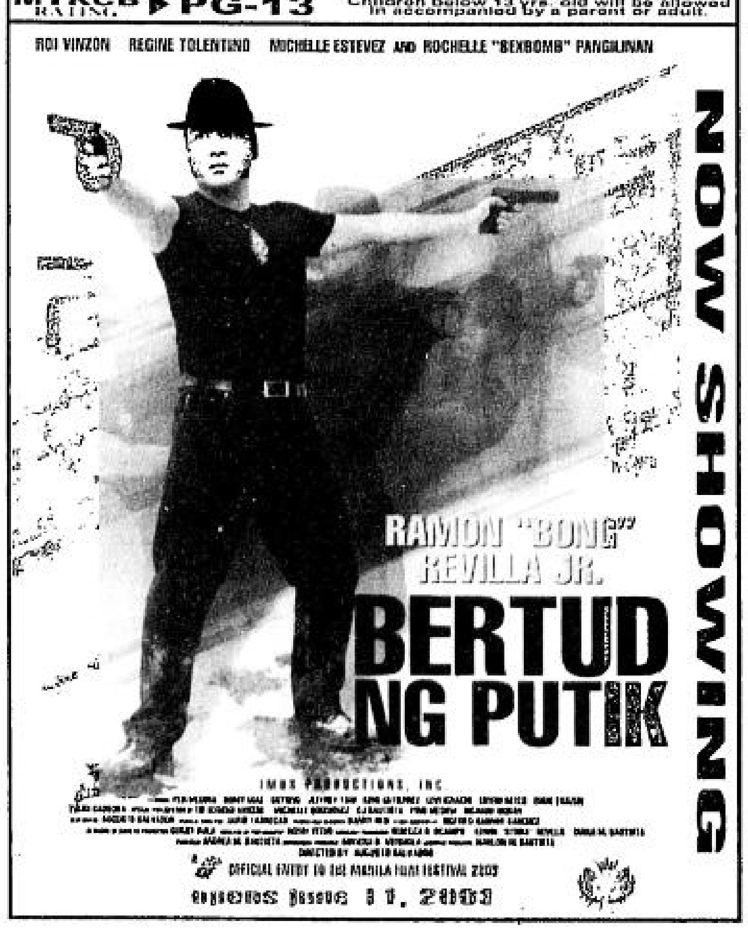
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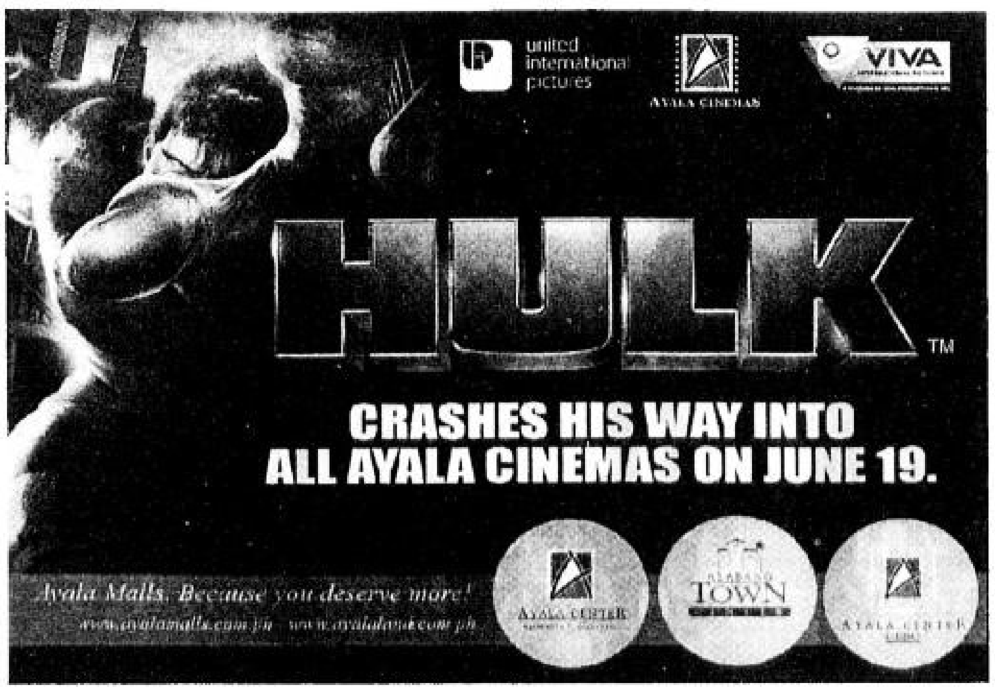
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## Delectable ways to go first class on Father's Day

WATERFRONT Cebu City Hotel and Casino honors all fathers with five fine delectable ways to celebrate Father's Day this coming June 15. Whether for lunch or dinner, take Dad out to a sumptuous buffet feast at Café Uno. For only P600 per person, delight in the café's Father's Day Lunch or Dinner Buffet where you can celebrate with delicious international dishes that will truly make the day special. For oriental indulgences, Tin Gow is cooking up a Special Father's Day Set Menu, for lunch and dinner, of well-loved Chinese dishes for the whole family to enjoy. For a grand Italian feast and as a rightful tribute to the *padre de familia, La Gondola is the place* to be for a delicious Father's Day set menu for lunch and dinner at only P450 per person.

Aside from that, the hotel is also whipping up a yummy special Father's Day promo: Papa's Calzone - a delicious stuffed folded pizza with tomato, mozzarella cheese, potatoes, mushroom, spinach, pepper salami, smoked salmon, olives and anchovies. Available in all restaurants and bars of the hotel, Papa's Calzone is at hand especially for Father's Day at only P200 per order.

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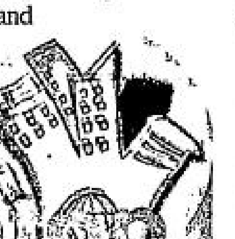

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Shang Palace showcases three kinds of family-style banquet set menus good for 10 persons. The menu will consist of favorites like Chinese Barbecue Platter and Suckling Pig among many others. Set menu prices range from P12,800++, P14,800++ and P16,800++.

Gourmet Corner, located at the hotel's Lobby Concessionaire's area, showcases a variety of cakes, praline and pastries.

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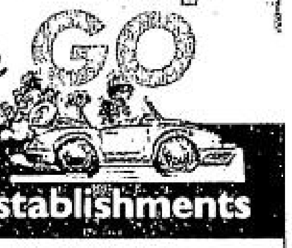

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Join the hotel's Father's Day Photo Exhibit at Café Jeepney on June 15. Simply dine at the Prince Albert Rotisserie or at the Café Jeepney from June 8 to 15 and submit your Dad's best "father" photo on ½ A4 size oslo paper with his name, age and a short write-up about him. Also include your name, address and phone number at the back. The bigger the photo, the better. Two best photos will be chosen, and the lucky senders will each be awarded an overnight stay for two in a Junior Suite inclusive of breakfast and gift surprises. Winners will be chosen on June 15 at 2 p.m. at Café Jeepney.

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## A celebration of Spanish food and wine at Cafe-on-the-Ridge

TAAL Vista Hotel recently celebrated the event "Flavors of Spain: Spanish Gourmet Food Presentation." The last of the series of events was concluded at Taal Vista Hotel's Café-on-the-Ridge wherein guests were treated to a culinary journey to the various food delights that Spain has to offer. Guests were also given a special tour of the newly refurbished rooms and facilities giving Taal Vista Hotel exceptional reviews, from the top travel agents and corporate clients who were present, for its "refreshing" new look and character. With the initial renovations of the hotel now completed on the rooms and a restaurant and the new team of staff trained and managed by the Barceló Group, expect to experience a renewed charm and hospitality from Taal Vista Hotel. Currently the hotel has 72 exquisite guestrooms. By the end of the year, it will have 150 rooms to offer its guests with added facilities like the Ballroom, F&B outlets and specialty restaurants, swimming pool and a soothing Spa. The hotel ended the festivity with a cultural show and delighted its guests with a fireworks display that lit Tagaytay's dark skies.

The event was a collaboration between the Spanish Commercial Office (ICEX) of the Embassy of Spain and Barceló Hotels and Resorts that presented Spanish gastronomy in all its hotel and resort properties in the Philippines, namely: The Barceló Pearl Farm Island Resort in Samal Island, Barceló Sarabia Manor Hotel and Convention Center in Iloilo City, Barceló Asturias Hotel in Puerto Princesa, Barceló Eagle Point Resort in Batangas and Taal Vista Hotel.

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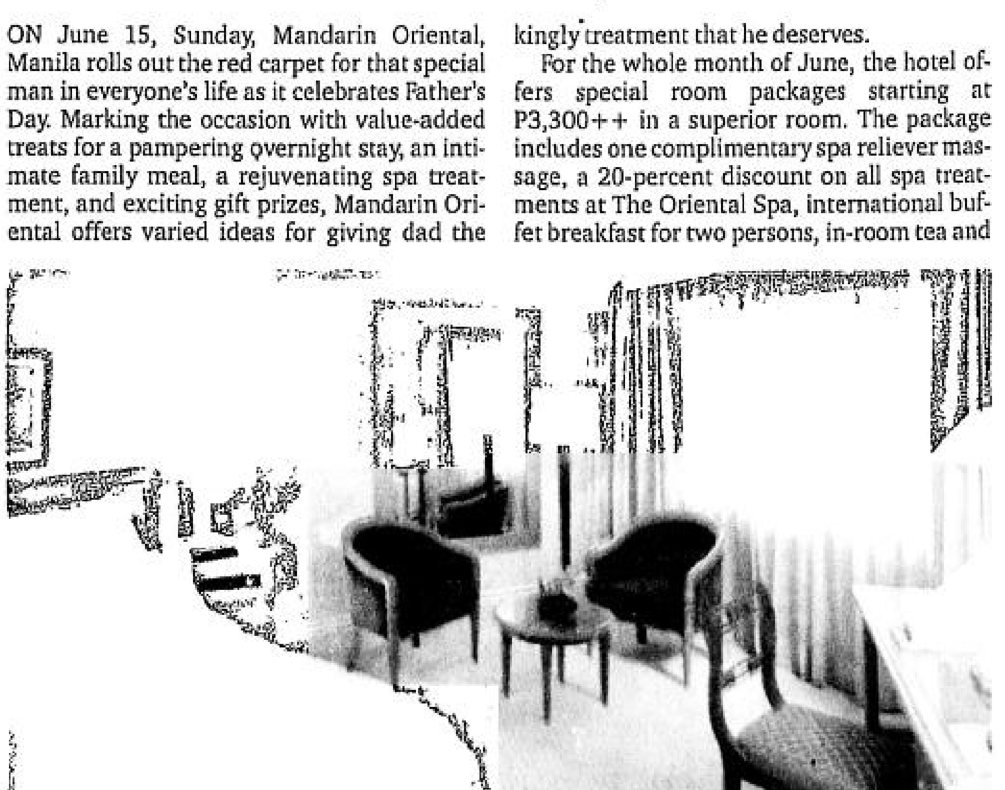
A happy hour promo from 5-8:30 p.m. is available at P190+ per person. A 50-percent discount on standard spirits and wines and bottled liquers are also offered for the whole month of May.

## Mandarin Oriental celebrates Father's Day

ON June 15, Sunday, Mandarin Oriental, Manila rolls out the red carpet for that special man in everyone's life as it celebrates Father's Day. Marking the occasion with value-added treats for a pampering overnight stay, an intimate family meal, a rejuvenating spa treatment, and exciting gift prizes, Mandarin Oriental offers varied ideas for giving dad the kingly treatment that he deserves.

For the whole month of June, the hotel offers special room packages starting at P3,300++ in a superior room. The package includes one complimentary spa reliever massage, a 20-percent discount on all spa treatments at The Oriental Spa, international buffet breakfast for two persons, in-room tea and coffee-making facilities, and use of the hotel's gym and pool facilities, The offer is valid only for Philippine residents.



On Father's Day, gastronomic treats fit for royalty await family and friends paying tribute to dear dads are offered in the various restaurants -- as fathers get a chance to win gift prizes from The Orchard Golf and Country Club, Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club, Pharmaton, and Unilever.

Let Dad be among the first to experience Mandarin Oriental's much-awaited new restaurant, the Paseo Uno, a chic all-day dining restaurant that offers on this day a special Father's Day buffet at P980++ per adult and P650++ per child, with the Jewelmer Jazz band performing at lunch. The Tivoli proffers a sublime five-course dinner set menu at P1,600++ per adult and P900++ per child, in addition to brunch which includes an appetizer and dessert buffet and one main course at P1,200++ per adult and P750++per child. For premier oriental dining, Tin Hau offers a deluxe buffet for lunch and dinner at P988++ per adult and P658++ per child.

At the Mandarin Deli, a three-course set menu will be available at P650++ per person from June 9 to 15, and special hampers sure to elicit a hearty chuckle from dad go for P1,000 to P2,800. For reservations and Inquiries, call 750-8888.

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# Martin: Gossip about Cutie has upstaged my Vegas hit

**SHOW STOPPER**

By Leah Salterio

MARTIN Nievera is very sorry that his recent triumphant series of shows in Las Vegas, which he considers a major event in his career, has been eclipsed by the issue about his breakup with Katrina Ojeda, his girlfriend of seven years.

"Now, no one gives a s---t anymore about what I did in Las Vegas," said Martin, who was obviously in tears when he called INQUIRER Entertainment from Las Vegas Tuesday afternoon (10 p.m. Monday, Las Vegas time). "I'm very demoralized."

The next day, Martin sent a text message saying, "This will be the last time I'm talking. I believe the less you say, the better. I'm not going to dwell on the issue anymore."

Martin has just concluded a successful month-long stint at the Golden Nugget Hotel, where he performed for the first time in the showroom originally built for Frank Sinatra. Martin is the very first Filipino to perform in a series of shows in a main Las Vegas showroom.

"I want to come home to a standing ovation, not to the *chismis* that I'm *babaero* (womanizer)," Martin added. "I went to Las Vegas to work hard and bring home a little pride, but everything that I did has been upstaged by a stupid rumor. I'm about to make a huge career move and all that everybody wants to talk about now is my love life or who I'm sleeping with."

Later, he said that maybe the easy solution to his problem now would be for him to return to his former wife, Pops Fernandez.

"I probably can only last with someone of my kind. The bigger problem is, does Pops still want me back?"

He said that at the end of his last show at the Golden Nugget Hotel last June 8, the audience gave him three standing ovations. The ovations were led by singer Clint Holmes, who had also started on the same stage.

## 'B' rating

"After the show, he (Clint) went backstage and hugged me," Martin said. "Then he told Golden Nugget entertainment director Joe Leone, 'You've got something here. You better hold on to this one'."

Martin said Holmes came to watch his show after reading a review by Michael Weatherford, who gave Martin a "B" for his performance.

"Clint told me that on his first show at the Golden Nugget, he got a 'C-minus' from Weatherford, so he became curious about this performer who got a 'B' on his first show on the strip.

He did confirm that Katrina broke up with him after rumors circulated linking him and former TV weather girl Cutie del Mar.

## No intimate moment

He claimed that he and Cutie were not together in Las Vegas. He said he stayed in a suite at the Golden Nugget Hotel. After his last show, he moved to the Las Vegas house of Marichu Vera-Perez Maceda, he said.

"There was no intimate moment with Cutie because she's been a family friend for a long time now," Martin insisted.

"Would I fall for someone like her? Who wouldn't?"

> 'Does Pops still want me back?'

MARTIN/ A28

# Splitting up and moving on

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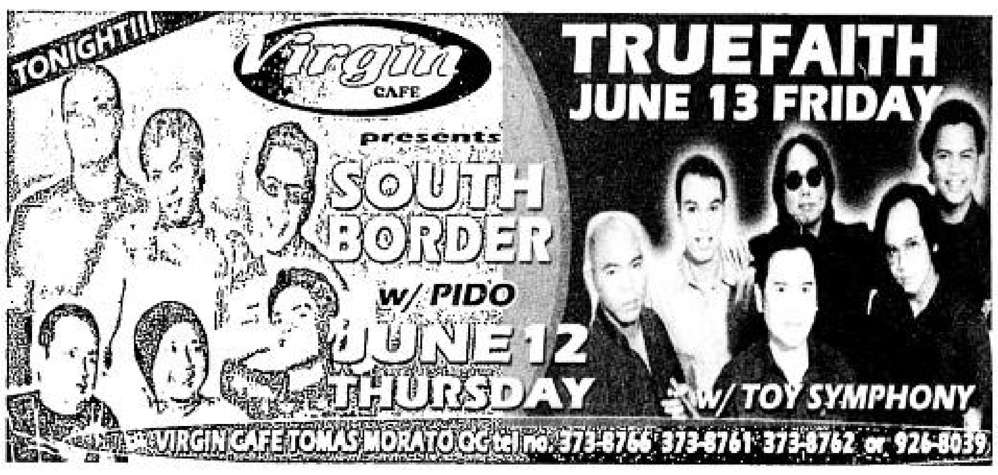

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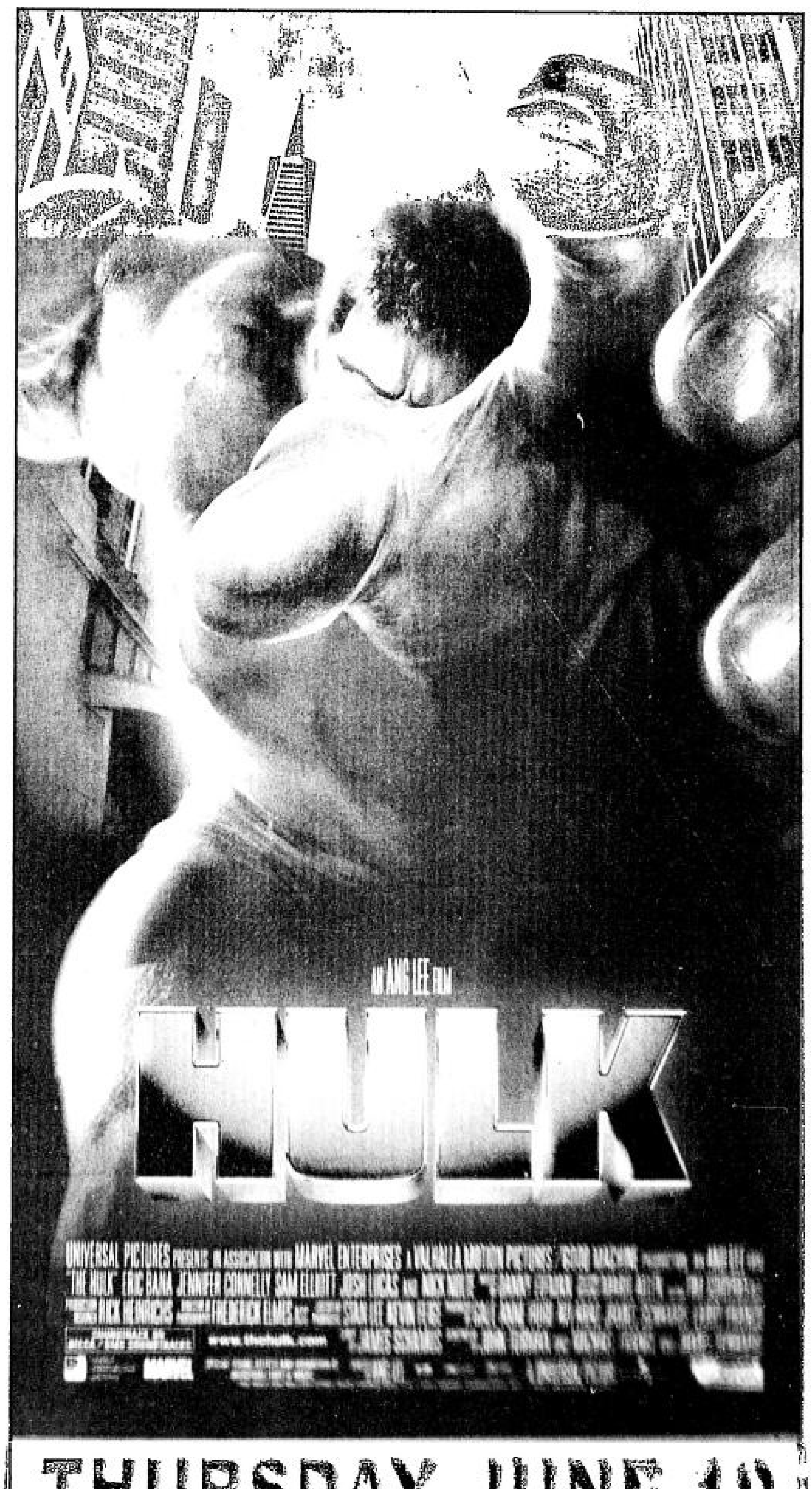

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**DEL MAR.** Unfair to her

**NIEVERA.** It's my curse.

**OJEDA.** She deserves someone better.

# Martin: Gossip about Cutie has upstaged my Vegas hit

**By Leah Salterio**

**SHOW STOPPER**

MARTIN Nievera is very sorry that his recent triumphant series of shows in Las Vegas, which he considers a major event in his career, has been eclipsed by the issue about his breakup with Katrina Ojeda, his girlfriend of seven years.

"Now, no one gives a s---t anymore about what I did in Las Vegas," said Martin, who was obviously in tears when he called INQUIRER Entertainment from Las Vegas Tuesday afternoon (10 p.m. Monday, Las Vegas time). "I'm very demoralized."

The next day, Martin sent a text message saying, "This will be the last time I'm talking. I believe the less you say, the better. I'm not going to dwell on the issue anymore."

Martin has just concluded a successful month-long stint at the Golden Nugget Hotel, where he performed for the first time in the showroom originally built for Frank Sinatra. Martin is the very first Filipino to perform in a series of shows in a main Las Vegas showroom.

"I want to come home to a standing ovation, not to the *chismis* that I'm *babaero* (womanizer)," Martin added. "I went to Las Vegas to work hard and bring home a little pride, but everything that I did has been upstaged by a stupid rumor. I'm about to make a huge career move and all that everybody wants to talk about now is my love life or who I'm sleeping with."

Later, he said that maybe the easy solution to his problem now would be for him to return to his former wife, Pops Fernandez.

"I probably can only last with someone of my kind. The bigger problem is, does Pops still want me back?"

He said that at the end of his last show at the Golden Nugget Hotel last June 8, the audience gave him three standing ovations. The ovations were led by singer Clint Holmes, who had also started on the same stage.

## 'B' rating

"After the show, he (Clint) went backstage and hugged me," Martin said. "Then he told Golden Nugget entertainment director Joe Leone, 'You've got something here. You better hold on to this one'."

Martin said Holmes came to watch his show after reading a review by Michael Weatherford, who gave Martin a "B" for his performance.

"Clint told me that on his first show at the Golden Nugget, he got a 'C-minus' from Weatherford, so he became curious about this performer who got a 'B' on his first show on the strip.

He did confirm that Katrina broke up with him after rumors circulated linking him and former TV weather girl Cutie del Mar.

## No intimate moment

He claimed that he and Cutie were not together in Las Vegas. He said he stayed in a suite at the Golden Nugget Hotel. After his last show, he moved to the Las Vegas house of Marichu Vera-Perez Maceda, he said.

"There was no intimate moment with Cutie because she's been a family friend for a long time now," Martin insisted.

"Would I fall for someone like her? Who wouldn't?"

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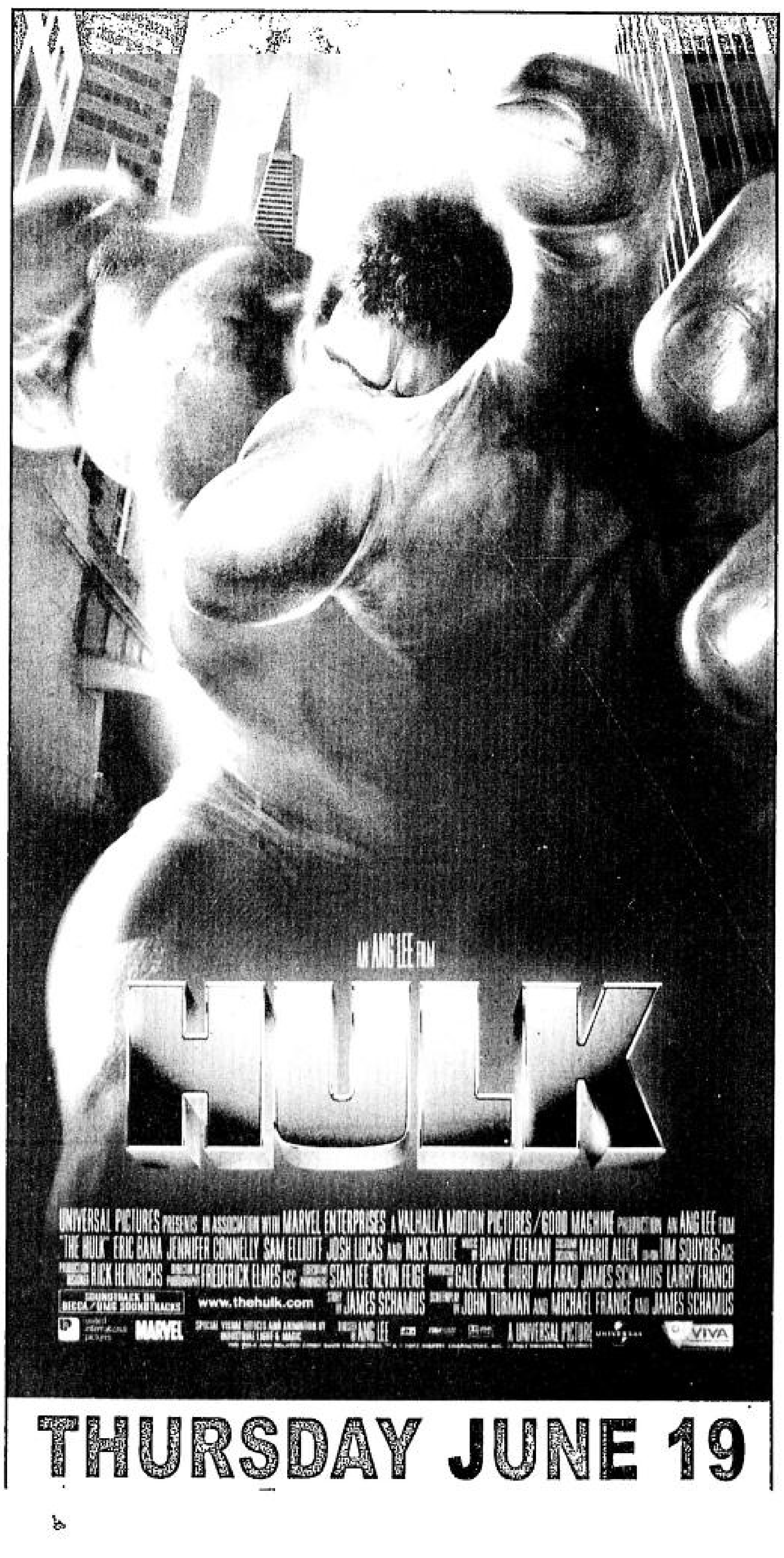
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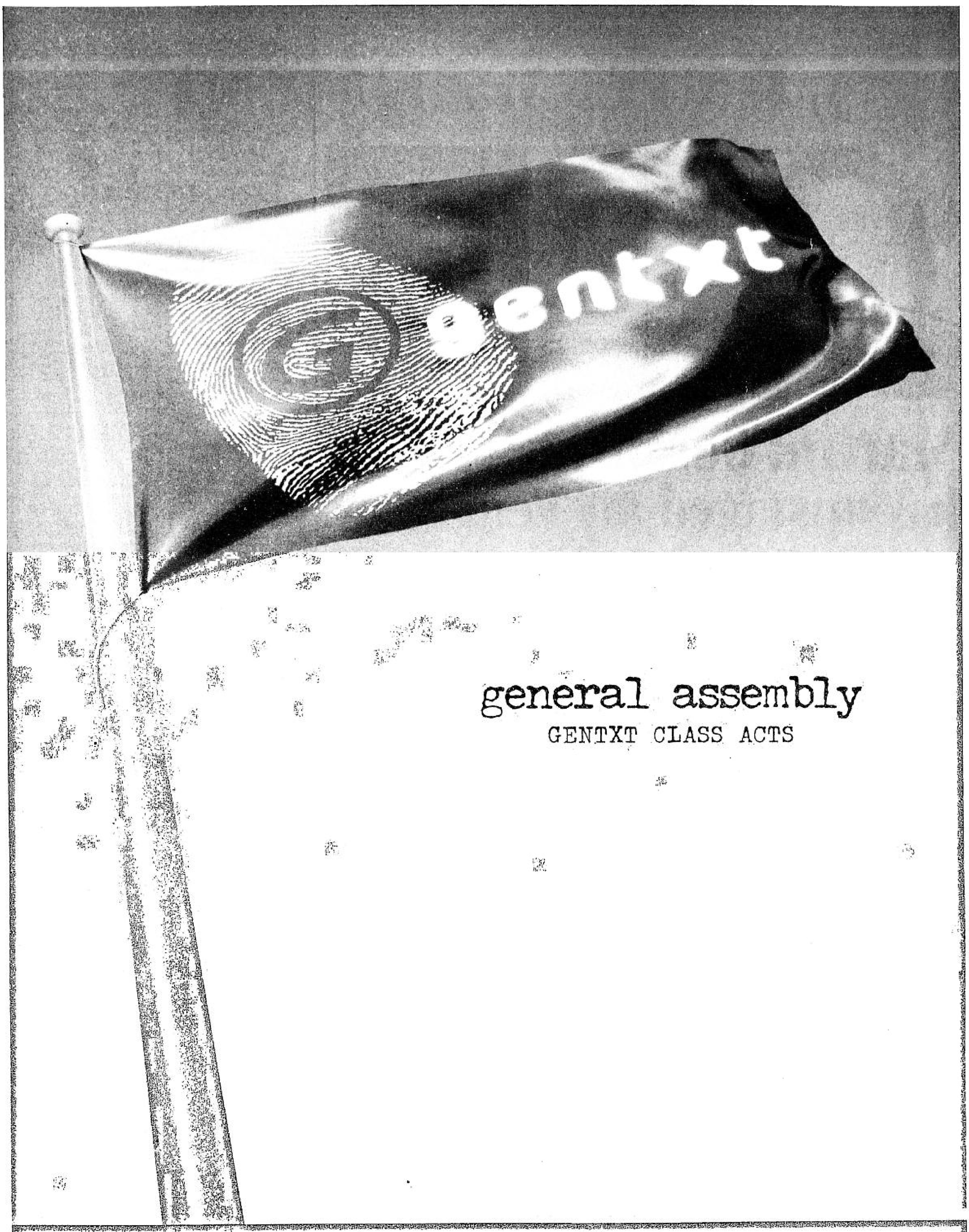

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# Gov't debt balloons to ₱2.897T in March

By Doris C. Dumlao

**THE NATIONAL government's debt stock went up by 15.8 percent to P2.897 trillion in March from P2.501 trillion a year ago on additional borrowings used to cover the burgeoning budget deficit.**

But the debt burden as of end-March was lower by P9.7 billion or 0.3 percent from P2.906 trillion in February due to the 1.7-percent reduction in foreign debt which offset the one-percent expansion in domestic debt, the Department of Finance said in a statement yesterday.

"The decline in foreign obligations was mainly caused by the appreciation of the peso in the amount of P22 billion and the depreciation of major currencies against the US dollar of P9 billion," the DOF said.

Compared to the same period last year, however, the total debt stock increased due to more borrowings from both the domestic and foreign markets.

Domestic debt rose by 15.6 percent to P1.475 trillion from P1.277 trillion mainly due to the 16.4-percent increase in government securities issued to P1.452 trillion.

Loans by state agencies went down by 1.6 percent while other assumed loans fell by 39.8 percent.

Foreign loans increased by 16.1 percent to P1.421 trillion from a year ago due to more offshore borrowings by state-owned agencies, higher relending to government-owned and -controlled corporations as well as a 19.1-percent increase in foreign-denominated securities.

"Of the total foreign debt, 57.9 percent is in US dollars, 32.1 percent in Japanese yen and the rest in other currencies," the DOF said.

Of the government's total debt stock, 59.9 percent consisted of long-term liabilities, while the short- and medium-term liabilities accounted for 15.2 percent and 24.9 percent.

Meanwhile, the government also reported that its total outstanding contingent debt as of end-March went up by 26.6 percent from a year ago due to the sharp increase in direct guarantees provided by the government to loans contracted by the public sector.

Direct guarantees on domestic loans surged by 74.6 percent while direct guarantees on foreign loans increased by 26.3 percent.

## *ADB: Air pollution cost $392M in health treatment*

By Michelle V. Remo

THE ASIAN Development Bank said air pollution in Metro Manila has caused lung-related diseases and deaths to thousands of dwellers in the metropolis, and has cost about $392 million in health treatment in the year 2001 alone.

The figures were presented the other day during the launch of the ADB's policy guidelines in reducing vehicle emissions for improving air quality.

According to Charles Melhuish, the ADB's lead transport sector specialist, the poor air quality in Metro Manila has shown its worst effects on people's health, resulting mainly in chest-related illnesses.

"Manila suffers particularly from very high levels of particulate matters, which come in the form of dust or even smaller particles that poisons one's lungs when inhaled," Melhuish said in an interview.

He said air pollutants from vehicle emissions included suspended particulate matter or SPM (such as dust), PM10 (those that weigh less than 10 microns), sulfur oxides coming from the burning of coal and oil, and nitrous oxide from diesel combustion.

Melhuish said the ADB was funding a $6-million air quality monitoring system facility, which would be operational sometime in July or August, that would help track the gravity of air pollution in the metropolis. "One big problem (in solving air pollution) is that the government has not had an

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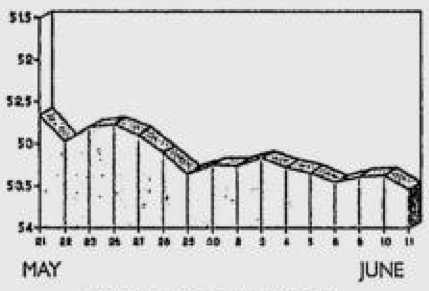

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| 3 Years | 9.3731 | 9.2519 |
| 4 Years | 10.0769 | 9.8654 |
| 5 Years | 10.4442 | 10.3173 |
| 7 Years | 11.1115 | 10.9712 |
| 10 Years | 11.4712 | 11.3673 |
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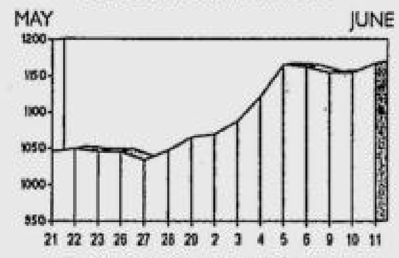

(See stock market report on Page B2)

## Stocks end at 11-mo. high

SHARES closed at their highest in 11 months yesterday, powered by strong gains in PLDT after the telecom leader forecast a 38-percent jump in profits this year.

However, some blue chip firms like SM Prime Holdings faltered on profit taking, with the company's earnings prospects this year not as rosy as in previous years.

The Philippine composite index gained 12.5 points, or 1.08 percent, to end at 1,168.75 points, the highest closing level since July 2, 2002.

The broader All Shares Index advanced 2.43 percent, or 17.4 points at 731.99 points.

PLDT, the most heavily traded stock, jumped P22.50 or 4.81 percent to end at P490, a 13-month high, after the company said its 2003 earnings could reach P10 billion this year from P7.23 billion in 2002, mainly backed by tremendous growth in its mobile phone business.

"There's cautious optimism in the market," Vistan said, adding that there were no concrete signs yet of a second half recovery.

Market turnover climbed to P582.67 million from P462.74 million on Tuesday. Gainers outpaced losers, 32 to 23, with 39 issues unchanged.

Vistan said although buying has become less aggressive in recent sessions, the market was likely to maintain an upward bias in the near-term.

Conglomerate Benpres Holdings Corp. surged 20.59 percent, or 7 centavos, to 41 centavos on a slew of positive news, including Benpres' interest payment of $5 million on June 2 to its creditors, the second since it announced a balance sheet management plan a year ago.

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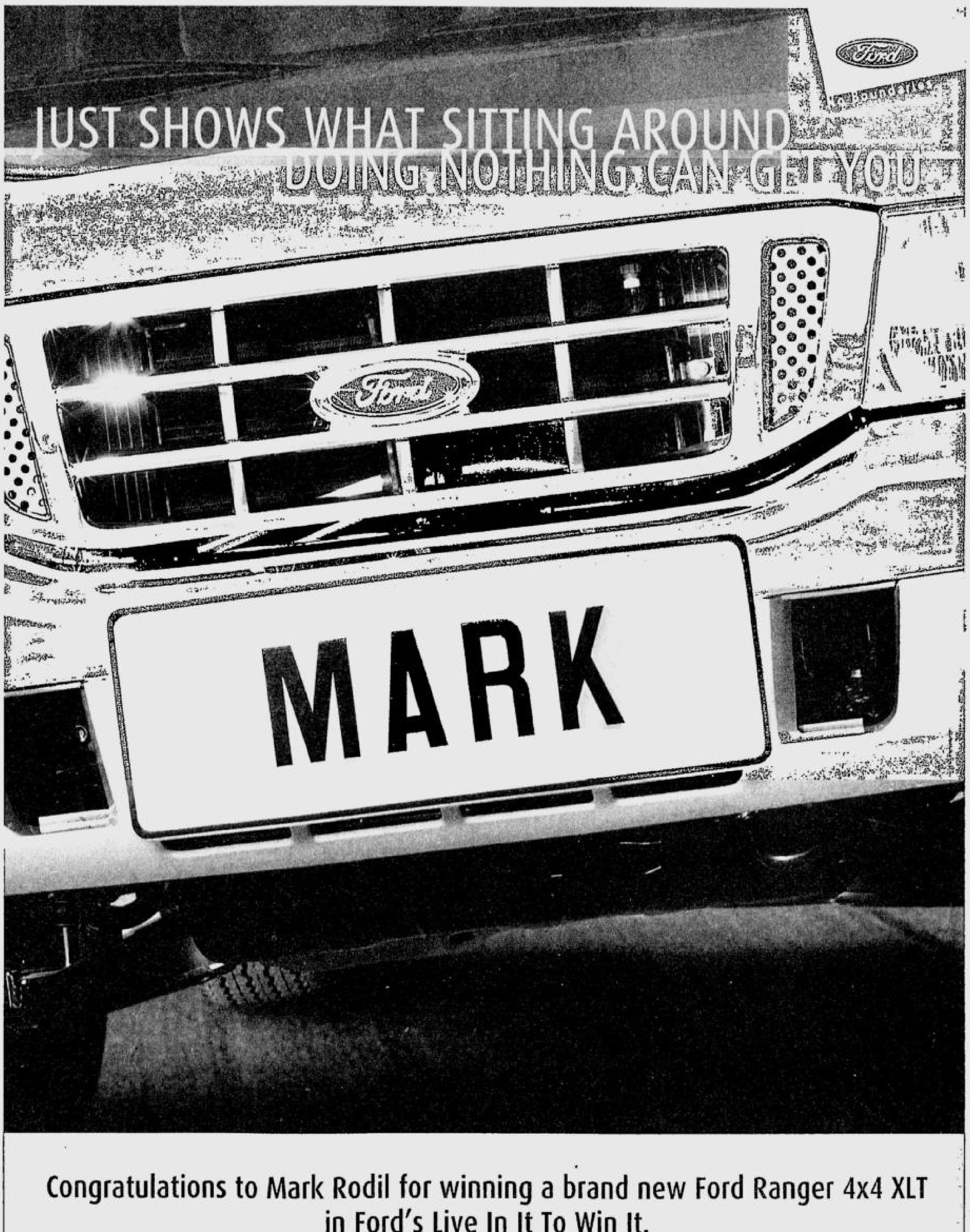

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## BREAKTIME

*Conrado R. Banal III*

THOUSANDS of families in the metropolis will end up in the streets—homeless, desperate and awfully angry—if they lose their case before the Supreme Court.

The case involves the so-called Maysilo Estate. Unfortunately for those poor people, in that Supreme Court case, they are up against THE firm.

As everybody in business knows, THE firm is the Villaraza & Angangco Law Office, which used to be known as the Carpio Villaraza & Cruz Law Office.

The name "Carpio" belongs to the legal adviser of Kuya Eddie who was catapulted to the Supreme Court under this cute administration—Justice Antonio Carpio.

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IN the life-or-death case of the urban poor, THE firm represents a company known as CLT Realty Development Corp.

Records at the Securities and Exchange Commission show that CLT Realty was organized by Juanito Chan and Benito Lao of Valenzuela, and Pedro C. Tan of Makati.

Also listed as stockholders are lawyers Arthur Villaraza and Raoul Angangco, who belong to the Villaraza & Angangco law firm, the one known as THE firm.

Aside from Justice Carpio, other former partners in THE firm are Avelino Cruz, the legal adviser of Gloriaetta in Malacañang, and Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo.

Actually, CLT Realty filed its cases, claiming the land of those thousands of families, through the original Carpio, Villaraza & Cruz Law Office.

It means, at that time, Carpio was still with THE firm. Carpio even signed some of the CLT Realty pleadings filed in court. Oops—he's now a Supreme Court justice.

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CLT Realty is the company which claims ownership over a huge portion of the Maysilo Estate, which in turn covers large areas of Malabon, Caloocan and Quezon City.

Apparently, CLT Realty got its land titles from a certain Estelita Hipolito, who acquired them from a certain Jose Dimson.

Now, about five years ago, both the Department of Justice and the Senate said something bad about those same titles. You know—they were spurious.

In their reports, both the DOJ and the Senate also urged the government, which was still headed by Kuya Eddie at that time, to file cases to cancel those titles.

That was five years and three administrations ago. Today, the government seems to be worried about losing the cancellation case. That's the government, mind you!

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NOW, from what I hear, this cute administration of Gloriaetta itself is asking the Supreme Court to rule on the case en banc. Hmm.

En banc cases cost more money, and the last time I checked, even the Supreme Court relies on our taxes for its upkeep.

So why does this cute administration want the entire Supreme Court—not just a division but all the 15 justices together—to decide the case?

I don't know if this cute administration is afraid of somebody quite influential in the Supreme Court.

Don't tell me that even this cute administration, much like business groups, is having a little, ahh, well, you know, "reservation" about the Supreme Court.

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THAT motion for an en banc ruling came from the Office of the Solicitor General, or the OSG, which was allowed by the Supreme Court to intervene in the case.

Signing the motion were Assistant Solicitor General Maria Aurora P. Cortes and three other OSG lawyers—Zenaida Perez, Rex Pascual and Gabriel Ramirez Jr.

No, I did not see the name of the OSG himself, both the current and the former OSG, Marcelo himself, now the Ombudsman, who was also a partner in THE firm.

Anyway, the motion for an en banc hearing was the latest in a series of moves by the government to try to save those thousands of families.

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## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Wednesday, June 11, 2003)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| BANKS | | | | | |
| Asiatrust Dev. Bank, Inc. | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.15 | 4.15 | 13,000 |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 56,000 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 42.5 | 44.5 | 42.5 | 44.5 | 595,400 |
| China Banking Corp. | 715 | 715 | 715 | 715 | 50 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 2,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 30.5 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 31.5 | 299,800 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 28.5 | 29 | 28.5 | 29 | 653,500 |
| Philippine National Bank | 23 | 23 | 22.75 | 22.75 | 481,800 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 11 | 11.75 | 11 | 11.25 | 227,500 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 46,500 |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| Bankard Inc. | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 260,000 |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 1500 | 1515 | 1500 | 1515 | 2,540 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 70,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Serv. | 1090 | 1115 | 1090 | 1115 | 3,030 |
| COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp | 15.25 | 15.5 | 15.25 | 15.5 | 53,800 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 1,610,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 615 | 625 | 615 | 620 | 41,070 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.021 | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 2,900,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 6,740,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 470 | 497.5 | 470 | 490 | 351,190 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 700,000 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 14,900,000 |
| POWER & ENERGY | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 685,000 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 11.25 | 11.5 | 11.25 | 11.5 | 907,300 |
| Petron Corp. | 1.8 | 1.84 | 1.8 | 1.82 | 2,555,000 |
| TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals Inc. | 1.62 | 1.62 | 1.62 | 1.62 | 4,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 2.5 | 2.55 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 480,000 |
| Keppel Phils. Marine Inc. | 0.29 | 0.3 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 190,000 |
| CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| Republic Glass Hldg. Corp. | 1.58 | 1.62 | 1.58 | 1.62 | 11,000 |
| Union Cement Corp. | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.89 | 0.9 | 1,080,000 |
| FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 2.75 | 2.75 | 2.75 | 2.75 | 99,000 |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 29 | 29 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 15,200 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 16 | 16.5 | 16 | 16.25 | 896,100 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.7 | 0.73 | 0.7 | 0.73 | 260,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 54.5 | 54.5 | 54 | 54.5 | 130,100 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 64 | 64 | 63 | 64 | 192,300 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 100,000 |
| HOLDING FIRMS | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 50,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 4.65 | 4.75 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 12,588,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 2.28 | 2.3 | 2.28 | 2.3 | 1,381,000 |
| Ajo.Net Holdings, Inc. | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 1,400,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 320,000 |
| APC Group, Inc. | 0.0525 | 0.0525 | 0.0525 | 0.0525 | 1,200,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0055 | 0.006 | 0.0055 | 0.006 | 2,000,000 |
| ATN Holdings, Inc. | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.52 | 1.64 | 689,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.34 | 0.41 | 0.33 | 0.41 | 43,040,000 |
| Crown Equities Inc. | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 350,000 |
| Southeast Asian Cement | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.035 | 0.037 | 2,200,000 |
| DMCI Holdings, Inc. | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 450,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp | 8.6 | 9 | 8.4 | 9 | 4,168,000 |
| Ionics Inc. | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 360,000 |
| JG Summit Holdings Inc. | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 50,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 170,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 680,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.2 | 0.21 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 6,030,000 |
| Music Corp. | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 1,180,000 |
| Tanduay Holdings Inc. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 134,000 |
| Wellex Industries Inc. | 0.5 | 0.52 | 0.5 | 0.52 | 100,000 |
| Waterfront Phils. Inc. | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 80,000 |
| MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING | | | | | |
| Mabuhay Vinyl Corp. | 1.66 | 1.72 | 1.66 | 1.7 | 24,000 |
| Pryce Corp. | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 450,000 |
| SPI Technologies Inc. | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 80,000 |
| HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 4,900,000 |
| Mondragon Intl Phils Inc. | 0.29 | 0.3 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 280,000 |
| Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc. | 0.43 | 0.45 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 1,070,000 |
| BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr) | 15.5 | 15.75 | 15.5 | 15.75 | 276,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series W | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Philweb Corp. - Warrants | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 25,000,000 |
| PROPERTY | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5,245,000 |
| Araneta Properties Inc. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 940,000 |
| EIB Realty Developers Inc | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 70,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 5,050,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 0.93 | 0.94 | 0.93 | 0.94 | 17,060,000 |
| Highlands Prime Inc. | 2.14 | 2.14 | 2.12 | 2.12 | 200,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 7,600,000 |
| Fil-Estate Land, Inc. | 0.15 | 0.175 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 2,660,000 |
| SM Development Corp. | 1.18 | 1.18 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 20,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings, Inc. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 12,886,000 |
| MINING | | | | | |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.19 | 0.195 | 0.19 | 0.195 | 550,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 10,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 7,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. A | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 30,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 100,000 |
| United Paragon Mining Co. | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 500,000 |
| OIL | | | | | |
| Imperial Res. | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 100,000 |
| Interport Res. | 0.0024 | 0.0024 | 0.0024 | 0.0024 | 7,000,000 |
| Interport Res. B | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 5,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0026 | 0.0026 | 225,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 35,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. A | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 10,000 |
| Pacifica | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 11,000,000 |
| Sinophil Corp. | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 1,200,000 |

| | SHARES | VALUE(P) |
|---|---|---|
| Bank & Fin Svc | 2,711,120 | 77,397,400.00 |
| Comm'l & Ind'l | 145,601,160 | 386,189,810.00 |
| PRO | 51,831,000 | 117,754,430.00 |
| Mining | 8,190,000 | 198,250.00 |
| OIL | 284,310,000 | 852,000.00 |
| SME | 15,000 | 40,500.00 |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 492,658,280 | 582,432,390.00 |

## DISCLOSURES

NEW directors elected during MBf Inc.'s board of directors meeting were Yap Boon Teck, Mario Lorenzo, Manuel Gonzalez, Miriam Rose Ivan Pereira, Jaime Gonzalez, Jaime Enrique Gonzalez and Renato Valdecantos.

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ELECTED directors of Filinvest Development Corp. were Andrew Gotianun Sr., Mercedes Gotianun, Efren Gutierrez, Andrew Gotianun Jr., Jonathan Gotianun, Josephine Yap and Alfredo Asuncion.

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METRO Alliance Holdings and Equities Corp. reported the resignation of Jose Perez as director of the company.

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ELECTED directors of Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Co. were Antonio Cojuangco, Helen Dee, Ray Espinosa, Napoleon Nazareno, Bienvenido Nebres, Manuel Pangilinan, Corazon de la Paz, Albert del Rosario, Pedro Roxas, Juan Santos, Taketo Suzuki, Mitsuhiro Takase and Ricardo Zarate.

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ELECTED directors of City & Land Developers Inc. were Sabino Padilla Jr., Stephen Roxas, Andrew Liuson, Grace Liuson, Helen Roxas, Mateo Amando Caparas and Alice Gohoc. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

## CURRENCIES

| June 11, 2003<br>Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.856604 | 1.000000 | 53.362000 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007274 | 0.008492 | 0.453200 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.415624 | 1.652600 | 88.186000 |
| Hongkong | Dollar | 0.109845 | 0.128233 | 6.842800 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.650421 | 0.759301 | 40.517800 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.629162 | 0.734484 | 39.193500 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.495147 | 0.578035 | 30.845100 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.562704 | 0.656901 | 35.053600 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.284218 | 2.666596 | 142.294900 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.228415 | 0.266652 | 14.229100 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.493720 | 0.576369 | 30.756200 |
| Indonesia | Rupiah | 0.000105 | 0.000122 | 0.006500 |
| Thailand | Baht | 0.020517 | 0.023952 | 1.278100 |
| UAE | Dirham | 0.233274 | 0.272324 | 14.531800 |
| Euro | Euro | 1.000000 | 1.167400 | 62.294800 |
| Argentina | Peso | 0.305385 | 0.356506 | 19.023900 |
| Brazil | Real | 0.299198 | 0.349284 | 18.638500 |
| Denmark | Kroner | 0.134740 | 0.157295 | 8.393600 |
| India | Rupee | 0.018342 | 0.021413 | 1.142600 |
| Malaysia | Ringgit | 0.225452 | 0.263193 | 14.044500 |
| Mexico | New Peso | 0.080470 | 0.093941 | 5.012900 |
| New Zealand | Dollar | 0.491595 | 0.573888 | 30.623800 |
| Norway | Kroner | 0.122112 | 0.142554 | 7.607000 |
| Pakistan | Rupee | 0.014877 | 0.017367 | 0.926700 |
| South Africa | Rand | 0.107749 | 0.125786 | 6.712200 |
| Korea | Won | 0.000717 | 0.000837 | 0.044700 |
| Sweden | Kroner | 0.109816 | 0.128199 | 6.841000 |
| Syria | Pound | 0.020396 | 0.023810 | 1.270500 |
| Taiwan | Nt Dollar | 0.024771 | 0.028918 | 1.543100 |
| Venezuela | Bolivar | 0.000537 | 0.000627 | 0.033500 |

# Low credit rating hampers RP access to Asian fund

By Doris C. Dumlao

FINANCE Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday admitted that the lack of an investment grade rating could hamper the Philippines' direct access to the $1-billion Asian Bond Fund recently launched by 11 central banks in the Asia-Pacific region.

The ABF, which pooled funds from the gross international reserves of the Philippines and 10 other countries in the region, would be mostly invested in sovereign issuances with investment grade credit rating.

Camacho said the Philippines would not be able to benefit from the ABF in its present form.

However, he said there were other ways by which countries without sovereign credit ratings could benefit from the ABF—such as by getting credit enhancement facilities from triple A-rated institutions or through the process of securitization.

Camacho said he had started discussions with Japan's Nippon Export and Investment Corp. (Nexi) on the possibility of granting credit enhancements to sovereign issuers in Asia.

The finance chief, who accompanied President Macapagal-Arroyo during a recent state visit to Japan, said such credit enhancements would give non-investment grade countries access to more funding opportunities.

"Securitization is another way of addressing the credit rating (barrier)," Camacho said. Securitization refers to the pooling of assets and instruments, such as loans and mortgages, into a negotiable security.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has committed $100 million as the Philippines' share to the ABF. As the International Monetary Fund has agreed to count the contribution to the ABF as part of the reserves, the BSP is not worried about draining its gross international reserves (GIR) even if it had to increase its contribution to the bond fund.

The ABF is backed by the central banks of the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

The fund, however, will invest in only eight of these economies excluding Japan, Australia and New Zealand whose bond markets are deemed advanced enough and no longer in need of assistance from the ABF.

Initially, the fund will invest only in sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds but later diversify in dollar-denominated corporate debt and Asian currencies as well.

The ABF will be managed by the Basle-based Bank for International Settlement, deemed as the central bank of all central banks, based on a certain risk-weighting index.

# RP-S. Korea air talks postponed

By Abigail L. Ho

AIR talks between the Philippines and South Korea have been put off for the fourth quarter due to the lingering effects of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak on the aviation industry.

A well placed government source revealed that some "regional issues" would have to be reviewed before the two countries could decide what points to discuss during the air talks, which were originally scheduled for next week.

"The reason cited was that the traffic right now, because of the current problem of SARS and security, requires that the two countries review their proposals. The talks have been moved to the fourth quarter of this year. We will wait until the situation normalizes," the source said,

The source said the Philippine air panel would be pushing for the conversion of its current allocation arrangement to seats instead of frequencies.

South Korea and the Philippines currently have 17 weekly frequencies each. But since Philippine carriers use smaller aircraft than their Korean counterparts, the Korean airlines were able to bring in more people.

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| 2001 | BMW 316i | Titanium Silver | 36Tk | 1,175,000.00 | |
| 2002 | BMW 318iA Exec. | Titanium Silver | 10Tk | 1,950,000.00 | |
| 2001 | BMW 330diesel | Black Sapphire | 13Tk | 2,400,000.00 | Sold |
| 2002 | BMW 525iA Exec. | Blue Water | 6Tk | 2,900,000.00 | Sale Pending |
| 2001 | BMW X5 3.0d | Topaz Blue | 12Tk | 4,060,000.00 | |

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| Year | Model | Color | Mileage | Price | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1995 | BMW 316i | Boston Green | 48Tk | 650,000.00 | Sale Pending |
| 1997 | BMW 316i | Boston Green | 33Tk | 700,000.00 | Sold |
| 1998 | BMW 316i | Arktis Silver | 55Tk | 780,000.00 | Sold |
| 1998 | BMW 320iA | Arktis Silver | 30Tk | 880,000.00 | Sale Pending |
| 1994 | BMW 320iA | Arktis Gray | 60Tk | 690,000.00 | |
| 2002 | BMW 318iA M-sport | Black Sapphire | 10Tk | 1,975,000.00 | Sale Pending |
| 1997 | BMW 523iA | Canyon Red | 40Tk | 1,550,000.00 | |
| 1999 | BMW 520iA | Aspen Silver | 21Tk | 1,800,000.00 | Sold |
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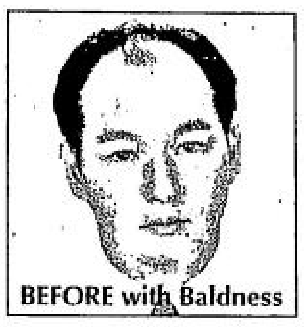
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# PLDT Hype joins CyberMadness

PLDT has teamed up with the largest IT companies and the biggest PC distributors in the Philippines to mount "CyberMadness" - a program that aims to expand the PC household penetration by offering the lowest-priced bundled PC and internet service packages.

PLDT vice president for retail marketing, Joaquin San Agustin said there is a world of opportunity to increase the relevance and adoption of IT in the Philippines. He also added that it is part of the company's corporate responsibility to help in the development and education of our youth through the PC and internet.

To add more excitement to the internet and PC craze, PLDT Hype joined the campaign offering a huge discount of 20 percent in all text capable units.

There are 3 gadgets available: the Siemen's Gigaset, Atlink's Biloba, and the Txt Pad. The Gigaset and the Biloba are handy cordless phones with LCD screen to allow subscribers to read text messages. While the Txt Pad is a compact unit one attaches to a regular phone; it has a keyboard to make it easier and faster for users to text. All gadgets have a built-in Caller ID and phonebook as well as other very useful features.

Regular costs of these units with a plan subscription range from P1,500 to P4,000. At CyberMadness, it becomes as low as P1,200 to P3,200. There are 2 plans available to postpaid subscribers: either Plan 250 (P250 monthly) or Plan 550 (P550 monthly) inclusive of Caller ID service. Subscribers of these plans also enjoy up to 200 free text message allocations per month.

San Agustin says: "Cellular texting is already a big part of the lives of Filipinos. Through our CyberMadness campaign and mall blitzes, we intend to make landline texting a prevalent medium of communication."

The first leg of the launch of PLDT CyberMadness was held at the Glorietta 4 last May 16 to 19 and at SM Ortigas (Megamall) last May 30 to June 2. At these events PLDT donated PCs and myDSL broadband internet services to selected schools. There were live radio patches with the most popular radio stations covering the events, which were hosted by Rhea Santos. Furthermore, there were numerous celebrities who graced the event such as KC Montero, Khalil Kaimo, and the Click stars who held a live online chat with the audience. Passage Band, Rhada and Akafellas also performed with MTV covering the show throughout their performances.

After the Glorietta 4 and SM Megamall, there will also be mall blitzes in key cities nationwide.

**JOLLIBEE PARTNERS WITH DEPED-NCR AND MARYLINDBERT INT'L**

As part of its way of thanking customers for their 25 years of enormous support and patronage, Jollibee Foods Corp. has partnered with the Department of Education National Capital Region and MaryLindbert International for a comprehensive values educational campaign that will benefit hundreds of thousands of public school students in Metro Manila. Addressing the alarming problem on the youth's deterioration of values, Jollibee, the country's all-time fastfood, has organized "Ang Batang Pinoy ay Jollibee Kid!", a promising program with a threefold objective - to enhance the understanding of values deemed essential to nation building, to appreciate and preserve the Filipino cultural heritage, and to inspire the value of patriotism among the youth of this generation. An active patron for the promotion of "right values, love of country, and unselfishness essential in the development of the nation," Jollibee, with full support from the DepEd-NCR and MaryLindbert International, a company pioneering in bringing high quality exhibits to the country, has launched a five-year project, which will teach elementary and high school students the importance of positive values. In photo (from left) standing: Boyet Domingo, MaryLindbert sales manager; Tina Mirabueno Raines, MLB marketing services manager; Lita Dimaculangan, MLB events associate; Erlinda Legaspi, vice president of MLB; DepEd-NCR director Cora Santiago, Inez Reyes, Jollibee VP for marketing. Seated: Dr. Rolando Magno and Dr. Jerry Consolacion of the DepEd-NCR; Kay Segismundo, Jollibee events officer; and Alberto Rosal, president of MLB.

## BITS Clips

### Quality backpacks

AS SUMMER draws to a close, parents and children alike have their eyes set on the best deals in town that would enable them to start the school year right. With this in mind, Araneta Center's Ali Mall and Farmers Plaza are pleased to offer its loyal shoppers a special back-to-school treat that guarantees great savings. This month-long promo entitles shoppers with a P200 single receipt purchase from any store in Farmers Plaza and Ali Mall to a trendy back-to-school backpack for only P30. Not only that. Shoppers also get a Unilever gift pack-absolutely free. Customers can avail themselves of a maximum of five gift packs and backpacks per receipt. The promo lasts until June 15.

### 1st Int'l Crafters Expo

HOBBYISTS, businessmen, housewives, students, new and exciting opportunities open your doors as Primeworks Intermedia Inc. holds the 1st International Crafters' Expo at the World Trade Center Manila from Aug. 22 to 24 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Business opportunities, new technologies, methods, and crafts, supplies, and allied support await you. Featuring foreign and local crafters and crafting technologies, this expo hosts several seminars and workshops, as well as provide a dynamic business assistance desk that would be useful for all crafters and businessmen. Call the PII secretariat office for more information and product/service screening schedules at 373-4215, 372-1238, or at 0918-3386254/0917-2714690.

### Text to win Philips TV

A PHILIPS Real Flat TV is just a text away. Grab that cell phone and get a chance to win exciting Philips products in the Philips Best Excuse promo. Think of the wackiest, funniest, zaniest excuse to stay home, then text it in to 0916-2701088 or 0920-8240470. Don't forget to include your name, age and adSdress, and the Philips tagline "Staying home has never been better with Philips Home Theatre System." Just make sure that your excuses are original, witty and humorous. The contest is open to Metro Manila residents only and will run until 12 midnight of June 15. All winners will be notified through text and registered mail, and prizes must be claimed at Philips House, 106 Valero Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City within 60 days. This is the easiest way to bring home a host of exciting Philips products.

### Polar triathlon seminar

HEALTH buffs and extreme sports fans are invited to take part in a seminar distinctly designed for triathletes. Dubbed "Heart Rate Training for Triathletes: A Scientific Approach to Beginners," the seminar will be held June 15 at the Fitness First Gym ABS-CBN branch, 5th floor ELJ Tower, Mother Ignacia Street, Quezon City. The event is organized by Polar Heart Rate Monitor, in cooperation with Saucony, Sauko Swimming Goggles and Accessories, Toby's Sports, Sports Resources Inc. and Fitness First. Triathlon Association of the Philippines' head coach Raul Cuevas will be the guest speaker, and will discuss the basics of a triathlon and the health benefits of being a triathlete. The seminar is designed to have theoretical discussions as well as practical (hands-on) training. For inquiries, call Peng Young at 671-9765.

# Cash on the spot with your jewelry

CITYSTATE Savings Bank offers the consumer a quick, convenient and confidential way to borrow money. The Jewelry Loan is a short term cash need of a customer in exchange for their jewelries. The bank's jewelry loan monthly interest ranges from one to two percent a month, one of the lowest if not the lowest rate in the consumer lending operations in the market. In fact, the rates are lower than what credit cards (3 percent to 5 percent) and other lending companies (5 percent to 10 percent) charge

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Q. What is the minimum loan or purchase amount?

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Q. What will you make loans on?

A. We loan fast cash on diamonds, gold, and other jewelries made from precious stones and metals.

Q. How soon will the loan be released?

A. The loan will be released within 10-15 minutes upon the inspection of our trained jewelry appraisers

Q. What are your loan rates?

A. Regular rates are at 2% monthly.

B. The bank also offers a 1% monthly rate. Please consult our branch managers on how you can avail of this.

Q. How long are the loans made?

A. The term of the loan is on a 90 day basis with an unlimited option for renewals.

Q. Are the transactions safe and secure?

A. Transactions are private and confidential. Your items are protected by our bank's security system.

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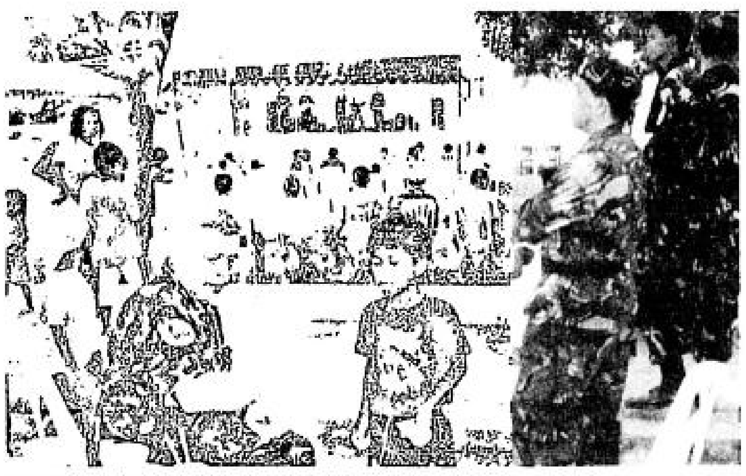
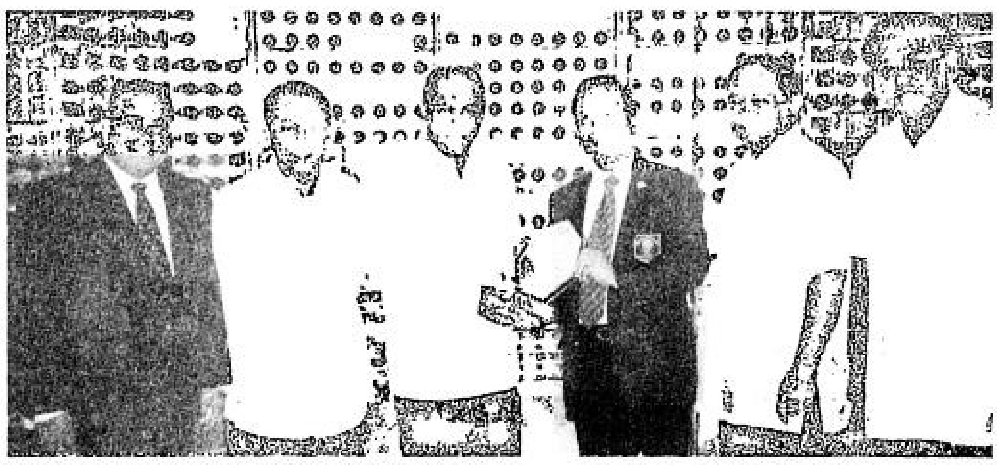


**PAG-710 SPOW MEDICAL MISSION**

The Public Affairs Group AFPRescom together with the 710th Special Operations Wing Philippine Air Force recently conducted a medical mission at Barangay Matabungkay Lian Batangas. Medical services including circumcision of 170 boys were conducted treating approximately 2400 patients. Shown in photo is colonel Jess Cabarrus PAG commander giving deworming medicine to a child, in background is colonel Alamillo, wing commander of 710 Spow PAF.



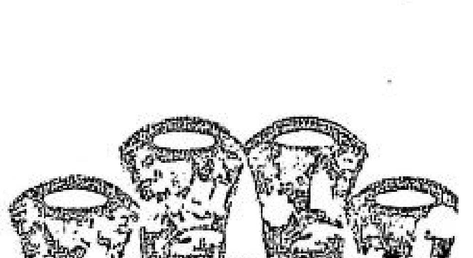
**ROTARY LAUDED FOR ALAY-LAKAD**

Rotary International, the lead organization in last year's Alay-Lakad, was lauded by the Alay-Lakad Foundation for the successful holding of the annual walk-for-a-cause for the benefit of the out-of-school youth. Rotary District 3830 governor Romy Cruz (4th from left) receives a plaque of appreciation from Alay-Lakad Foundation president Frank Evaristo (3rd from left) with (from left) Lito Colona, Rotary District governor-elect Jun Cortes, Manolo Sy, and Alay-Lakad national coordinating committee chair Greg Navarro. The presentation was held recently at the Tower Club at Philamlife Bldg., Makati.

## ProductFILES

### Hot Wheels Octoblast

COMBINE a menacing octopus with a gigantic head, and four turbo boosters, and what do you get... the ultimate crash-challenge of the latest track set from Hot Wheels - the Hot Wheels Octoblast. Kids can have hours of fun, and showcase their skills, in attempting to mastermind the ultimate crash, by manipulating the adjustable track parts to rescue the car trapped in the monster. Intensify the excitement, by playing with more than one care, or with friends, to make it a race to the rescue. The Hot Wheels Octoblast playset is available in all leading department stores nationwide.



### New fashion from Bratz

Young girls with a flair for the hip and a passion for fashion will get a kick from the latest fashion sensation from the Bratz, the Lil' Bratz Fashion Tote. The new Lil' Batz package features a collection including a character doll with real mix n' match outfits that slip on and off, plus 20 styling accessories. The Lil' Bratz Fashion Tote is available at P599.75. Bratz fashion dolls, the dominant fashion doll brand in the US, bagged the prestigious People's Choice of the Year Award from the US Toy Industry Associations for two consecutive years. They are exclusively distributed by Ban Kee Trading Inc. and are available at all leading department stores and toy shops nationwide.

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# Benpres nears debt deal with creditors

BENPRES Holdings Corp., the holding company of the Lopez family, is moving closer to an agreement with creditors on the planned restructuring of the company's debt, which has been reduced to $552 million as of May this year.

In Benpres' annual stockholders' meeting yesterday, BHC officials said the company was making progress in the sale of noncore assets and that the assumptions in the company's proposed business plan had been validated by creditors through independent accountants.

"We would like to end 2003 with an agreement with our creditors so that we can once again focus on managing our investments," BHC chief finance officer Angel Ong said.

Ong said that BHC would soon announce the sale of its 100-percent interest in Customer Contact Center, a call center with a 400-seat capacity, to a foreign company with offices in the United States, Canada and India.

BHC is also working on the sale of it stake in First Philippine Infrastructure Development Corp., which controls Manila North Tollways Corp., as well as in Rockwell Land Corp., Maynilad Water Services Inc. and Beyond Cable Holdings Inc. *Elena R. Torrijos*

# Planned liquidity fund to boost pre-need sector

THE PHILIPPINE Federation of Pre-need Plan Companies Inc. yesterday signed an agreement engaging First Metro Investment Corp., the investment banking arm of Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., as financial adviser in a project aimed at providing financial muscle to the pre-need industry.

In a statement, the federation said the project would involve the provision of new safeguards for the pre-need industry through the establishment of a bond guarantee facility and a liquidity fund pool.

"The pre-need industry is facing issues regarding the variance between trust fund reserves and actuarial reserve liabilities, and the limited complementary sources of liquidity," the federation said.

The planned bond guarantee or surety facility is expected to address the solvency implications arising from temporary trust fund deficits.

The liquidity fund was designed to support pre-need trust funds experiencing temporary liquidity concerns.

SEC Chair Lilia Bautista said that some pre-need companies would need the liquidity fund in the second or third year of their operations.

First Metro will help the federation tap multilateral agencies such as the Asian Development Bank and International Finance Corp. for funding of the proposed liquidity fund.

"This effort is a unique private sector initiative that aims to work hand-in-hand with the Securities and Exchange Commission to bolster the pre-need industry, whose objective is to serve the best interests of its plan holders," the federation said.

At present, the SEC has so far licensed 43 pre-need companies this year. The number is lower than the 46 companies that were granted licenses last year. *Elena R. Torrijos*

## CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATIONS

# Uniwide shutting down 2 outlets

By Elena R. Torrijos

A TYPICAL Uniwide Warehouse Club outlet.

CASH-STRAPPED Uniwide Holdings Inc. yesterday said that franchisee stores of its Uniwide Sales Warehouse Club Inc. in Avenida and Libis would cease operations by end of this month.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, UHI corporate information officer Jean Javier said that in accordance with the company's rehabilitation plan, UHI will consolidate its operations into its remaining stores to save on operating costs and thereby improve its financial position.

The debt-saddled retailer said it was finalizing the transfer of its Libis and Avenida properties to Bank of Philippine Islands as payment for UHI's obligations withe the bank under a *dacion en pago* arrangement.

UHI's rehabilitation plan, as amended and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, calls for the settlement of its debts to secured creditors through *dacion en pago* or payment-in-kind and the restructuring of the residual debt. Covered by the arrangement are the company's operating and non-operating assets.

In the meantime, UHI said USCWI's nine stores located in Kalookan, Coastal Mall along Roxas Blvd., Metromall in Las Pinas, Edsa Central, Sucat, Novaliches, Baclaran Pearl Plaza, Tarlac and Cabuyao Laguna "will continue to provide no-frills best bargain offers to its customers."

UHI also said that its head office operations would be transferred to Uniwide Baclaran Pearl Plaza on Sept. 1 this year.

Uniwide promised to "focus on measures that will further improve its retail operations to achieve the SARP objective of settling all of Uniwide's obligations."

With the continued support of its employees, suppliers and creditors, Uniwide said it firmly believed that it would be able to meet its commitments under the approved rehabilitation plan.

# 150% auto tax proposal in Senate opposed

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SENATE'S decision to impose punitive taxes on premium automobiles will likely drive out the local assembly of sedans and sport utility vehicles in the country, according to BMW Philippines Corp. president Mark Gilbert.

Gilbert said he was "stunned" by the Senate bill which imposed a 150-percent excise tax on vehicles selling for P2 million and above. The proposed rate is more than three times the 50-percent tax ceiling provided by the parallel House of Representatives version approved in March.

"The tax rate really penalizes the luxury sector and it would create a big window of opportunity for the gray market to flourish," Gilbert said.

The punitive taxes are also expected to have a harsh impact on full-size SUV assemblers such as Mitsubishi Motor Philippines Corp. (Pajero), Universal Motors Corp. (Nissan Patrol) and Isuzu Motors Corp. (Trooper) considering that all vehicles worth more than P1 million have to pay 100 percent in taxes or nearly 3 times the 35 percent set under the House bill.

Among the assemblers, BMW has the most to lose if the Senate's steep tax rates prevail in the bicameral talks for the final version. BMW has been producing the Series 3 model from completely knocked down components in the Philippines since 1994.

Gilbert said the taxes coupled with the peso's depreciation against the euro in the past few months would push the price of its entry-level model beyond the P2-million mark and take away BMW's "fishing grounds" where it had been poaching potential buyers' of high-end Japanese models to go for a European badge.

"We're not a big assembler but we want to be bigger. The high tax rates will jeopardize our volumes and assembly operations."

BMW assembles nearly 700 units a year and its locally assembled vehicles account for 90 percent of its total sales. BMW has been the most aggressive among premium automobile manufacturers in the country being the only 1 with a local subsidiary in partnership with Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. president Jose Ch. Alvarez.

Gilbert and Alvarez, however, remain hopeful that the automotive taxes would be reduced to more reasonable levels during the bicameral process.

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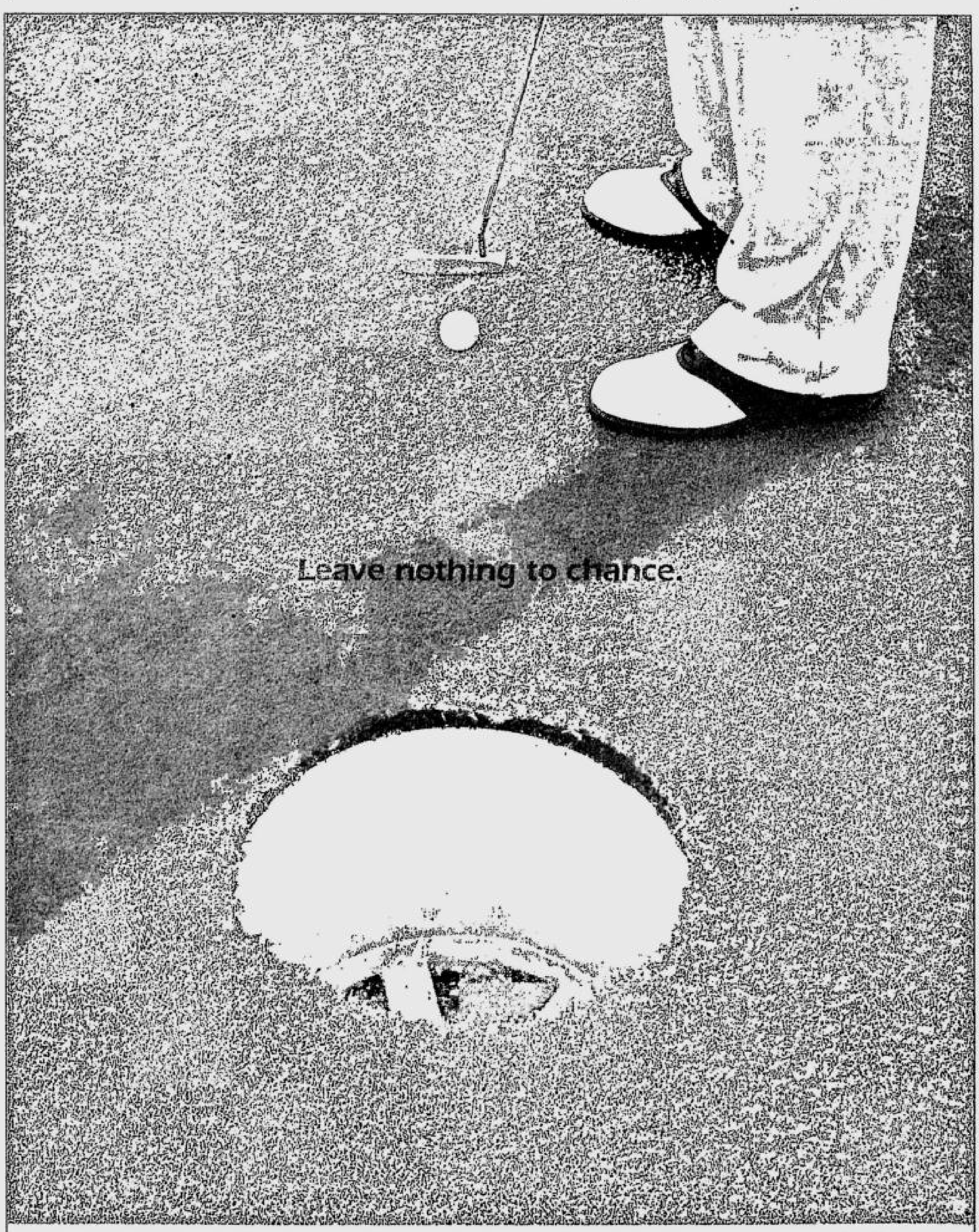

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# Eastmont Advertising marks 9th year

EASTMONT Advertising Inc., a full service advertising agency, marked its ninth year in the industry last June 8. EAI president Mabbi Vasallo-Ferreria notes the past year as one of the most challenging compared to the recent years. "We found ourselves competing in ad pitches wherein we were pitted against bigger agencies. And to win an account in such a scenario is fulfilling although the real job has not begun." Ferreria says, "The bottom line of the ad game is to increase sales and create a fantastic brand recall." She adds that in order to fulfill these two objectives, one has to extract the very benefits of the product wherein value for money is recognized, and secondly to know the habits and lifestyle of the target market. Certainly, these are old adages concerning the business but sadly, some tend to forget the no. 1 reason for advertising a product.

Inasmuch as Eastmont believes in "creativity that sells" the agency is very careful in crafting a material for its clients' campaigns. "After all, this is not a writing contest", she muses. "We are not an agency who is after awards but rather rewards and one of this is when clients, as our business partners, inform us that their sales are climbing new heights and give part of their credit to the ad and marketing campaign that we have crafted for them. We would like to be an integral part of their business and play a deep and meaningful role in their future success." And certainly with the changing trends of the times, Eastmont believes in taking bolder steps in recommending to clients fruitful strategies that will reach the target market in the most cost-effective way possible. "We will try to hang on a creative business relationship with the most fun, yet a practice that will catapult the sales to greater heights. That culture is an obsession for us at Eastmont," Ferreria states.

Eastmont, in the past year, has added to its roster a bathroom tissue account, a lingerie account, together with a major house appliance brand, a prime resort and hotel chain, vehicles and machinery, hospital equipment just to name a few. Ferreria wishes to thank these clients for the continued trust and support accorded to her group for the past nine years. She also gives a lot of credit to her partners and her very competent staff - a wonderful collaboration of people who deeply understands the client's business and passionate about what they do for Eastmont's continued growth.

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PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

**NATIONAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN**
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (seated, 2nd from left), was the guest of honor during the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Local Legislators held recently at the Manila Pavilion Hotel. With her in photo (seated from left): commissioner Aurora Javate de Dios of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women; President Arroyo; Usec Agnes Devenadera of DILG on legal matters; Mayor Mary Elizabeth Delgado, national president of Lady Municipal Mayors Association of the Philippines. Standing from left: Terence Jones, UNDP resident representative; Mayor Mary Jane Ortega of San Fernando, Pampanga; Councilor Corazon del Mundo, secretary general, Lady Local Legislators League (4L); Mariant Villegas, national president, (4L); Dr. Amelou Benitez-Reyes, chair, Gender Responsive Lady Governance Committee, NCRW; and Mayor Marites Fernando of Marikina.

**CAP, STI LAUNCH P1-B EDUCATION CERTIFICATES**
STI Education Services Group (STI) president and CEO Eusebio Tanco (left), CAP Philippines Inc. (CAP) chair Alejandro Roces (center) and Bank of Commerce president Raul de Mesa hold a copy of the letter of intent for the full subscription of STI's Gift of knowledge (GOK) certificates. The GOK certificates are worth P1-B and the offer size is 2.4 million academic units with a minimum lot of 192 units. It provides an estimated 13,000 scholars of CAP security in academic expenses starting June 2003 to June 2012. CAP is the buyer of the plan, while the Bank of Commerce is the trustee bank. CAP intends to fully subscribe to the STI certificates and offer them for retail.

FIGHT AGAINST SARS
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**SAFEGUARD SUPPORTS DOH**
Procter & Gamble Distributing Philippines, through its flagship brand Safeguard, recently donated P1 million worth of Safeguard antibacterial soap to the Department of Health (DOH) in support of the latter's campaign against the dreaded severe acute respiratory syndrome (Sars) virus. Shown during the ceremonial turnover of the donation are P&G Phils. external relations manager Aisa Yap and Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit.

## Victoria's Cameo now in the Philippines

DISTINGUISHED jewelers Victoria's Cameo proudly announce the introduction of a new line of cameo jewelry into the Philippine Market. Having a timeless appeal, Victoria's cameo boasts of being from the finest quality porcelain to create a very appealing and must have cameo rings, bracelets, pendants, earrings and many more.

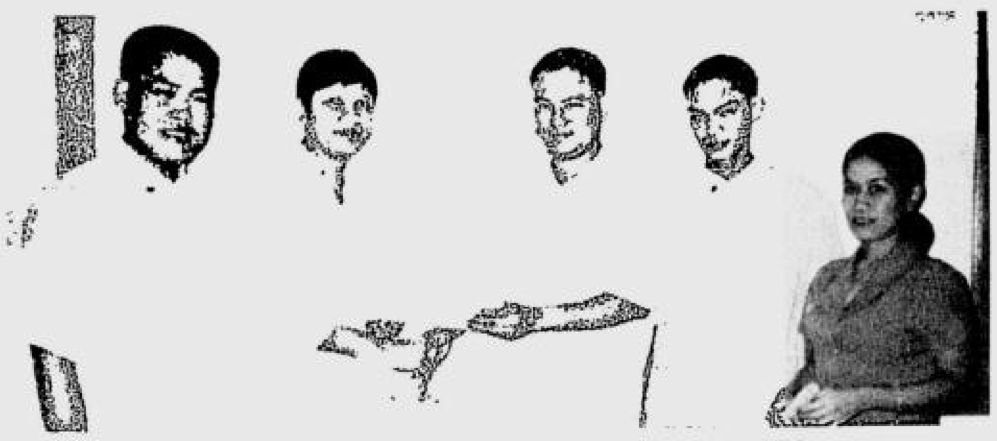
The Athena Collection are set in gold with diamond accents and are designed to suit the tastes of modern women who have an appreciation for a classic touch in their jewelry. Victoria's cameo are enjoying unprecedented popularity especially among women who find cameo jewelry unique and special, they serve to remind of more romantic times and places like England's Victorian age. The Victorian age was characterized by grace and refinement, just like Victoria's Cameos.

Victoria's Cameo Athena Collection stays true to its name. Named after the Greek goddess Athena, the collection is likewise exquisite as it is indomitable. A marked classical Greek theme characterizes it with pieces complementing each other perfectly. The Athena Collection is a must have for the woman who knows that she dictates fashion and not fashion dictating on her.

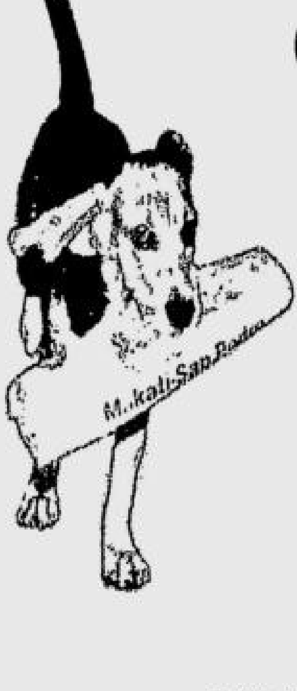
Cameo jewelry has very early origins in the ancient Sumerian civilization that flourished as early as 3100 B.C. It knew immense popularity during the Greek and Roman Classical eras. Cameo jewelry are even now valued for the heirloom style that characterizes much of them. Moreover, people of the world are noticeably taking an avid interest in cameos. Cameos are also now enjoying unprecedented appeal in Asian markets.

To meet the growing demands for cameos in the region, Victoria's Cameo is now on display and being sold at the Cehz Miwa Sundry Shop of the Manila Diamond Hotel on Roxas Blvd. for the convenience and pleasure of Filipino women, who are known for their love of fine jewelry.

**MASTERCARD CHEERS WINNERS OF METROBANK PROMO**
MaterCard International recently participated in the 1st and 2nd drawing of the winners of the Metrobank E.T. International Cirrus / Maestro ATM card's 'New Year, New Car' promotion. The top prizes were two Toyota Corolla Altis cars. Photo shows MasterCard executives in the Philippines Poch Villa-Real, vice president and country manager (right) and Judith Dayrit, director for marketing and member relations (2nd from right). With them were Metrobank executives (from left): senior vice president Bernard Lapuz; branch manager (Cebu-Lapu-Lapu Br.) Rolando Lao; senior executive vice president Henry Sun; Noel Prile (winer of the Altis for the 1st major draw), and president Antonio Abacan Jr.



**VINTA LODGE AWARDS BEST EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**
Vinta Lodge Gil Puyat recently recognized its best employees of the month. Photo shows customer service staff Gerry Wenceslao receiving the certification from Vangie Escuril (resident manager) and Anthony Barrus (2nd from right) as housekeeper of the month. Officers Alou Balatico and Ramon Sanguyo were also present during the awarding.



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**SECRETARY MIKE DEFENSOR AT NELTEX PVC PIPES BOOTH**
HUDCC chair, Secretary Mike Defensor visited the Neltex Booth at the 70th Anniversary of the country's premier architectural group, The Philippine Institute of Architects, held at the Philippine Plaza Hotel last Feb. 28 to March 1. Neltex is known for its totally unmatched product quality, pipes and fittings. Neltex pioneered the manufacture of PVC pipes used for sanitary, electrical, in-house and pressure pipes. It has the widest distribution network nationwide. In photo (from left): Abraham Joel, architect Noemi Gallos, Emil Cabalda, Secretary Mike Defensor and Marites Tan.

## BITS Clips

### Broadband Phil. Launches voice exchange service

BROADBAND Philippines, a full telecommunications and Internet service provider, recently launched its voice-over-internet protocol (VoIP) service called Voice Exchange now available in all if its "wired" buildings. Voice Exchange is the next generation voice service through an Internet protocol-based network. It veers away from the old and expensive system of voice telecommunications offering domestic as well as international direct dial calls. To ensure voice quality call on its IDD service, Broadband has provided a dedicated bandwidth towards an International VoIP gateway facility in the United States. The gateway facility is in partnership with Callahan Associates International. At the moment, Broadband is offering IDD services via direct lines of PABX connection to its customers or occupants of its "wired" buildings assuring them of lower rates. Inquiries are entertained at customer hotline +63-2-913-6868 local 1601 to 03 or email at cs@broadbandphilippines.com.

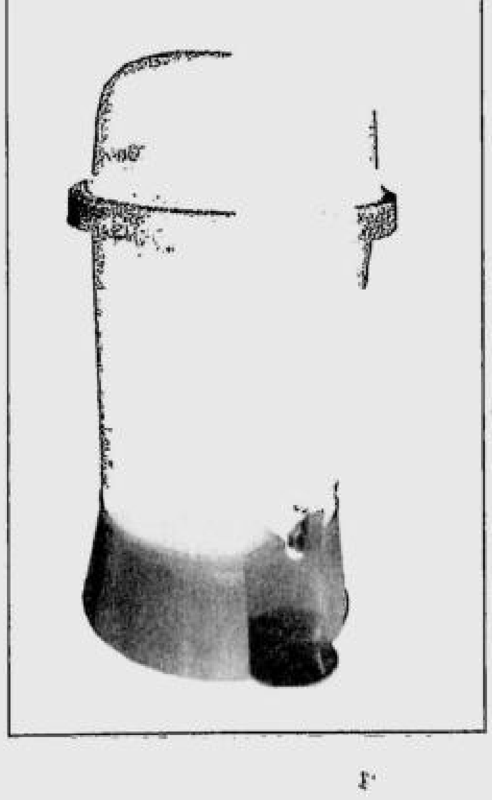
### New civil engineer

MARK Anthony V. Nigos of Camarin, Caloocan City, has passed the licensure examinations for Civil Engineers held in May 2003. The son of Amado Soriano Nigos and Dominga Venuya Nigos, Mark finished BS Civil Engineering from the Technological Institute of the Philippines in 2002. The oathtaking ceremony of the new civil engineers will be held before the Board of Civil Engineering on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 1 p.m. at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel.

## Product FILES

### Orocan's Dimple Giant

A TRADEMARK of Orocan versatility, the Dimple Giant is a perfect kitchen fixture, an extraordinary water container for the family's drinking needs when there is no longer any space in the refrigerator. Durability, you ask? No more worries since Orocan is almost synonymous to durability, and the occasional bumping during long trips that cannot be prevented is no problem for this exceptional product from an exceptional company. The Dimple Giant comes in a variety of color. So get the Dimple Giant today, and see the difference.



## *US cites 'growth deficit' in industrialized world*

NEW YORK—Japan must emerge from a decade-long economic struggle and help plug a global "growth deficit," US Treasury Secretary John Snow said Tuesday.

The relationship between the United States and Japan had worked as an engine of global prosperity, Snow told a Japan Society annual dinner here.

"The world needs that engine running on all cylinders."

Japan was the second-biggest economy in the world and by far the biggest in Asia.

Industrialized countries were growing far too slowly, making everyone suffer as a consequence, Snow said, adding that President George W. Bush aimed to boost economic growth in the United States and abroad.

"Our challenge today is that the leading economies are suffering from a growth deficit—their potential far exceeds their performance."

The prescriptions for Japan were well known, the US treasury secretary said.

The United States had suffered similar problems with economic rigidity but had managed to recover by deregulating industry and by deciding to "bite the bullet" by accepting big losses on overvalued assets.

Snow said he did not intend to preach American answers to Japanese problems. *AFP*

## Japan posts slight growth

TOKYO—Japan's economy eked out slight growth in the first three months of the year, revised figures showed on Wednesday, beating some forecasts of a contraction but doing little to allay concerns that another recession is looming.

A few hours after the weak figures were released, the Bank of Japan said it would leave monetary policy unchanged, disappointing those hoping for stronger action.

The government revised its gross domestic product (GDP) figure for the January-March quarter to growth of 0.1 percent from the preliminary zero growth it announced last month.

Largely technical revisions to the figures brought down growth in capital spending, as widely expected, as companies remained concerned about their prospects at home and abroad.

Imports fell and private demand was revised up to 0.4 percent from 0.3 percent growth, helping to prop up the overall figures.

In nominal terms—before taking Japan's stubborn deflation into account—GDP fell 0.4 percent from the previous quarter.

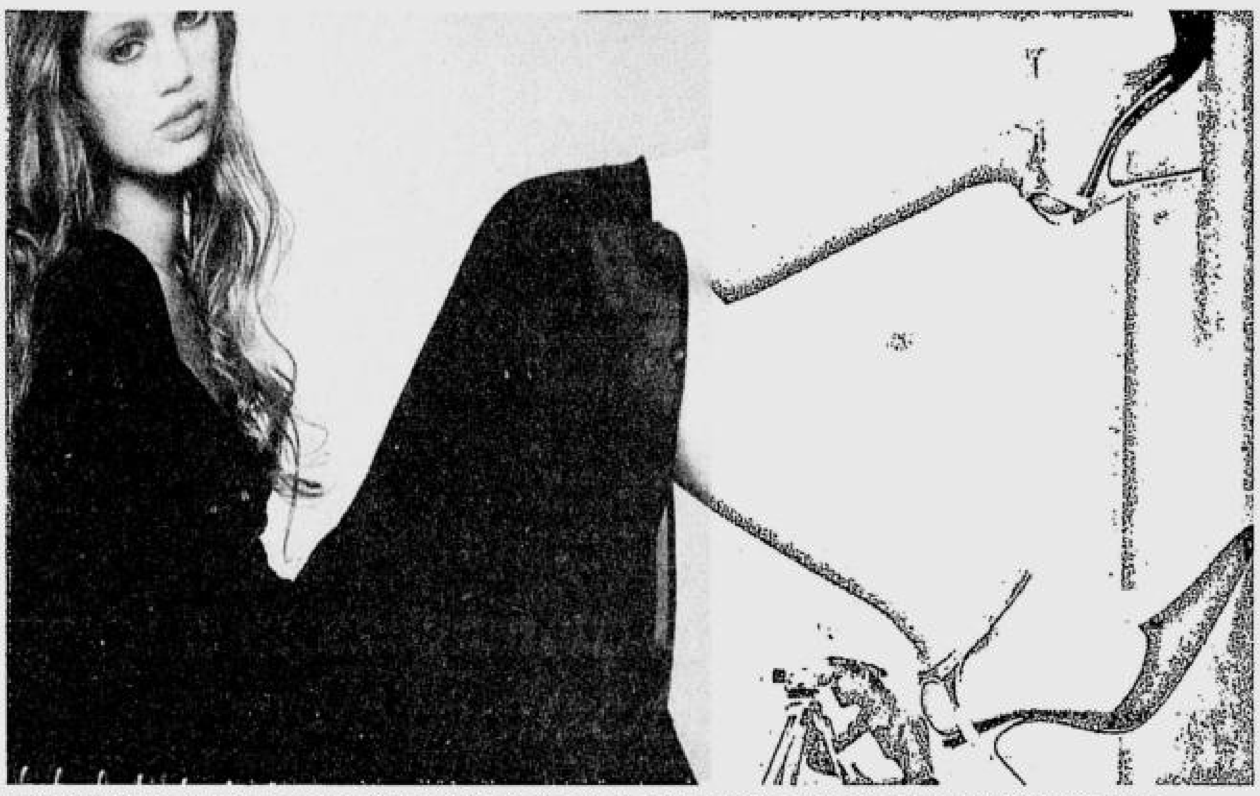
With the global economy struggling in the second quarter in the wake of the Iraq war and the SARS virus in Asia, the chances of Japan resuming a strong recovery may be receding.

Wednesday's figures confirmed that all three of the world's major economic engines are sputtering, with the United States posting only 0.5 percent growth in the first quarter and Germany—Europe's largest economy—contracting 0.2 percent.

Most analysts in a recent Reuters poll said they expected Japan to slump into its fifth recession in 11 years this year.

Stock market investors took heart from the fact that this possibility may have receded, at least for now, and pushed the Nikkei 225 average above 9,000 for the first time since Dec. 5 in late trading.

The BOJ, under pressure to help prevent a recession, turned its attention to one of Japan's hardest hit sectors, the tens of thousands of small companies that are the backbone of the the world's second-largest economy. *Reuters*



**AN ENGINEER** examines a monorail track in front of a huge fashion ad billboard in Kuala Lumpur. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Monday that he is confident Malaysia's economic growth could surpass the government's official forecast of 4.5 percent for 2003 after it had been affected by the Iraq war and the SARS outbreak. AP

## Opec building consensus on slashing oversupply

DOHA—Opec was building a consensus on slashing oversupply to accommodate Iraq's upcoming production while keeping the same official output ceiling when it formally meets here Wednesday.

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh said Opec's market monitoring committee will recommend that the cartel does not change its ceiling, but rather to strengthen compliance with the quotas already agreed.

Asked whether the consultative committee made up of Iran, Kuwait and Nigeria would recommend no change to Opec's quotas, Zangeneh replied: "Yes, yes ... No change and to comply with the ceiling we discussed."

A senior delegate earlier told reporters a consensus was building: "The idea is to improve compliance and leave the quotas unchanged.

"Overproduction in June (so far) is 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) over and above the ceiling" of 25.4 million bpd, he said on condition of anonymity ahead of the cartel's meeting in the Qatari capital.

The delegate said he expected another meeting in Vienna in late July or early August to monitor compliance and assess Iraq's reentry into the world market.

Opec kingpin Saudi Arabia earlier called on members of the oil cartel divided over whether to slash crude production to seek a "consensus of action."

Abdullah al-Attiyah, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said it was the right time for the cartel "to study how to accommodate Iraq, how to make room for Iraq, by, you know, cutting production from others."

"We should not wait until the crisis comes" before reconsidering the current output ceiling of the cartel.

Attiyah, citing Iraqi authorities, said Iraq's crude production would likely be one million bpd and above from mid-June. *AFP*

## ADB: Air pollution cost $392M in health treatment

From page B1

effective monitoring system," he said.

The ADB official said there was an increasing number of people dying in Metro Manila due to respiratory infection caused by air pollution. "This (pollution-related illness) affects one's work, and thus hurt one's income, especially when the need to spend for medical treatment arise," Melhuish said.

He said in a country like the Philippines with inadequate social services and where one has to pay for all the medical expenses, people belonging to the lowest-income bracket were the most hard hit by illnesses related to pollution.

"Lead also has a serious impact on one's IQ and is responsible for some brain diseases," he added.

He said the country has successfully managed to reduce lead content in gasoline, through the passage of the Clean Air Act, but that the government still lacked enough policies needed to fully improve air quality.

He said although the country has made possible the use of cleaner fuels, the government has to come up with policies that would require technology that are capable of reducing vehicle emissions.

He raised the problem on the still significant number of car manufacturers that do not comply with the vehicle standards set by the government.

He said while that the government has introduced since Jan. 1 this year standards to ensure vehicles sold were those that have built-in technology that reduced emission, manufacturers that were given certificates of conformity (COCs) prior to Jan. 1 were still allowed to sell their products for six years.

"They have to change the law to make sure that when new vehicle emission (standards) come into effect, old COCs are canceled," he said.

Aside from the problem on vehicle standards, Melhuish also raised traffic congestion in Metro Manila as one of the major causes of pollution.

He said there should be stronger policy for transport and traffic. "Travel time of 5 km per hour is five or six times more polluting than a 30-40 km hour travel time," he said.

## Breaktime

From page B2

But in this troublesome land dispute, local governments, or even the national government itself, also stand to lose huge properties. See, that's already the government.

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PERHAPS that's why the Supreme Court allowed the OSG to intervene in the case filed by the urban poor families against CLT Realty, which is represented by THE firm.

It seems the government is also likely to become a victim of what a senator once referred to as the "great grandmother of all land scams."

To be gobbled up by the alleged spurious land titles, based on a DOJ list, are 20 properties of local governments. The national government loses only 109 properties.

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INVOLVED in the case are areas with government infrastructure such as highways, streets, public markets, and parks, including the Bonifacio Monument.

One big issue is the registration date of the land title called OCT No. 994, which is one of the various titles in the Maysilo Estate. We have two versions of the same OCT.

One of them is dated May 3, 1917, and the other, April 19, 1917. Surely, one of them is the "fake" title.

Those urban poor families are on the side of the "May" title. The government took the same position in their case before the Supreme Court.

That company CLT Realty is on the side of the "April" title. Taking the same side is one of its listed stockholders, which is of course THE firm.

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SOME of the urban poor families belong to the Sto. Niño Kapitbahayan Association, which is one of the parties in the Supreme Court case.

Those families are living in Libis, Baesa, Quezon City, but not if CLT Realty and THE firm can have their way with the Supreme Court.

Also, the company Manotok Realty, which belongs to the landed Manotok family of Quezon City, has a court case against CLT Realty.

Recently, from what I gather, CLT Realty even forged a deal with a Cebu-based mall developer, involving a piece of property under the disputed titles.

Another party in the dispute is the Araneta Institute of Agriculture, which is up against the heirs of that certain Dimson who sold the titles to that Hipolito who sold them to CLT Realty, which is represented by THE firm in all the cases.

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NOW the lawyer of the heirs of Dimson, according to my info, is former Supreme Court Justice Hugo Gutierrez, who is now with the Gutierrez Sundiam Villanueva Law Office.

Gutierrez already retired in 1993, at the height of a furor in media over claims that a Supreme Court decision which he authored.

A foreign philologist—who, for the sake of Jawo, Tito and Nardong Putik, is an expert in linguistics and writing styles—said that Gutierrez did not write the decision.

The expert said it was written by the counsel of PLDT. Whaddayano, in the decision of Gutierrez, PLDT won.

He of course denied the accusation in media. Still he retired. But it was not because of the charges. They just happened at the same time, that's all.

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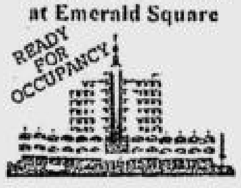

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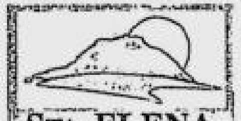

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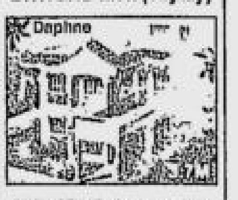

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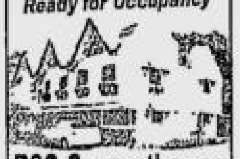

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IN THE MATTER OF THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH, DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINOR AUDI C. PANGILINAN,

SP. PROC. NO. 03-105901

DANILO L. PANGILINAN and
CYNTHIA C. PANGILINAN,
Petitioners.
x-------------------------------------x

### ORDER

This is a verified petition for rectification of simulated birth, declaration of abandonment and adoption of minor Audi C. Pangilinan filed by Sps Danilo L. Pangilinan and Cynthia C. Pangilinan, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, a judgment be rendered rectifying the simulated birth of said minor, declaring Audi C. Pangilinan as an abandoned child and adopted child of herein petitioners.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let this petition be set for hearing on July 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. before this Court located at Rm. 384, third flr., City Hall, Manila after this Order shall have been published at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks after raffle. All interested persons in this petition may appear at the aforesaid date of hearing and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

The Department of Social Worker and Development is hereby ordered to conduct a social case study on the subject minor and submit its report thereon to this Court together with its consent to adoption on or before the scheduled hearing of this petition. Likewise, the Social Worker of this Court, Ms. Eleonor M. Magturo, is hereby ordered to prepare her own Child and Home Study Reports and to conduct counseling sessions with the biological parents of the adoptee, if any and to submit her report on or before the scheduled hearing of this petition.

Let a copy of this Order and the copy of the petition be served upon the Office of the Solicitor General, Public Prosecutor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, social worker of this Court and the biological parents of the adoptee, if any, and the same be posted at the Bulletin Board in the premises of this Court, at three conspicuous places, at the expense of the petitioners.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, March 31, 2003.

(Sgd.) SOCORRO B. INTING
Judge

(PDI--May 29, June 5 & 12, 2003)

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(Sgd.) ROGELIO I SABLAY
Colonel MAC (GSC)
Chairman, BAC

(PDI - June 6 & 12, 2003)

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the application of NAGLAYAN INCORPORATED with office address at 1941 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as E.O. 226, as Amended, as New Export Producer of Cultured Pearls at a capacity of 45,000 pieces per year with project site at Dumaran, Palawan has been officially accepted on May 21, 2003 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection, in writing under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

Issued this 21st day of May 2003.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO C. CHAVEZ
Director
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

(PDI–June 12, 2003)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late spouses LEON C. VINOYA and RUFINA B. DELA CRUZ executed an extrajudicial settlement and partition and special power of Attorney for TCT No.79108 Mla. OCTs P-2723,P2722,P2721 and P-2720 Bukidnon on June 3,2003 as per Doc. 489 Page No.98 Book No. 12 series of 2003 of Notary Public ISRAEL E. PEREN of the City of Manila
(PDI June 5,12 & 19,2003)

### AUCTION SALE

NATION PAWNSHOP, INC., Poblacion Meyc Bulacan will auction unredeemed pledges of Dec '02 on June 23, '03 10am, Lanuza & Sons-Auctioneer.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### AUCTION SALE

RUBY'S PAWNSHOP Miranda Ext. Angeles City June 23, 2003 - Mr. Eduardo Vegafria

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MELENCIO S, MANIO & BRIGIDA D. MANIO of Bamban Tarlac was extrajudicially settled among the heirs as per Doc# 197, Page#40, Book#1, Series of 2003 of Notary Public Adennsigua of Capas, Tarlac.
(PDI-May 29, June 5, & 12 2003)

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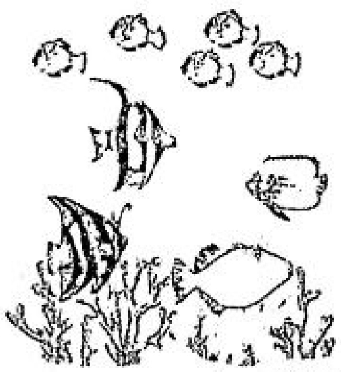

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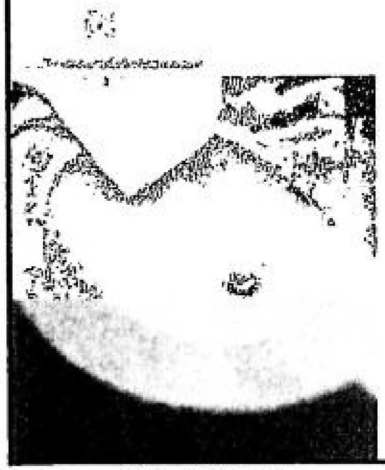

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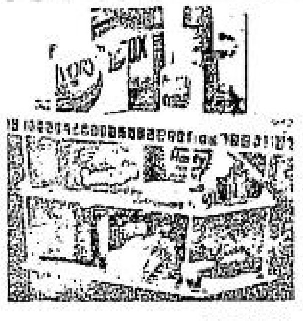

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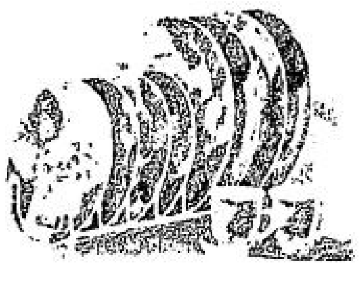

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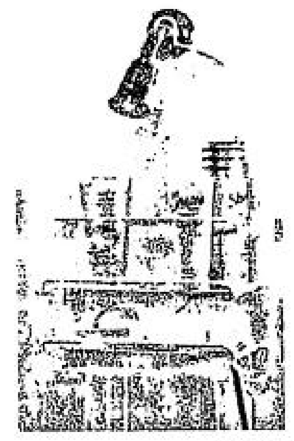

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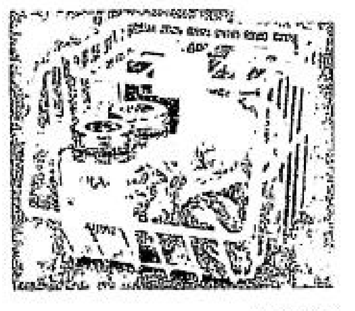

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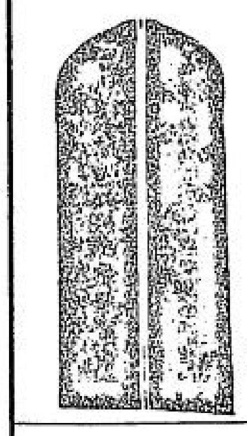

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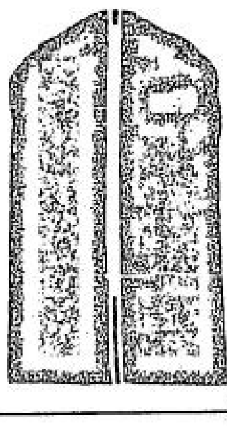

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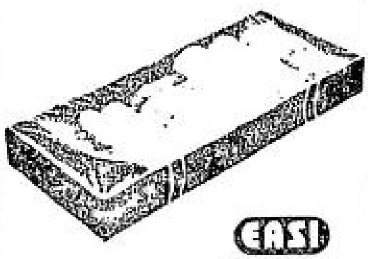

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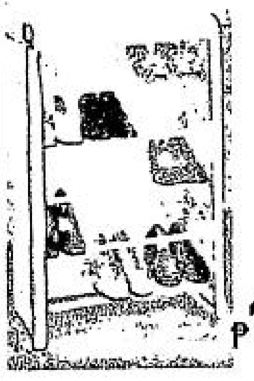

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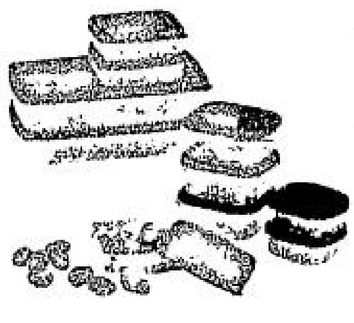

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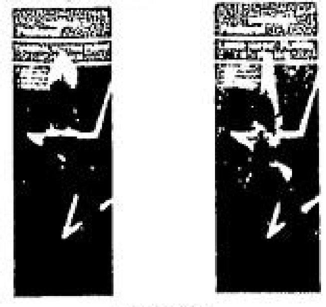

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Commonwealth Ave
East Fairview, Quezon City
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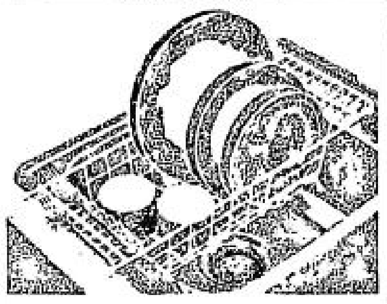

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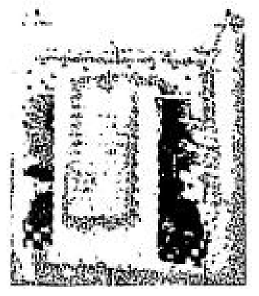

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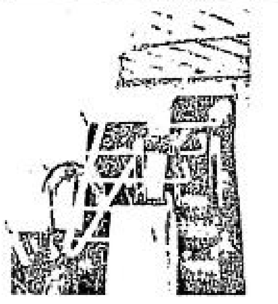

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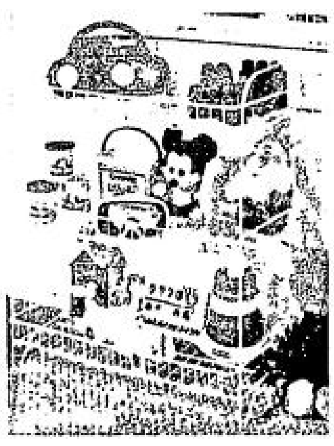

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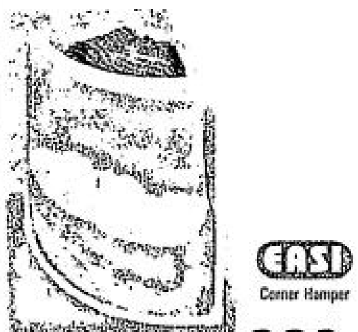

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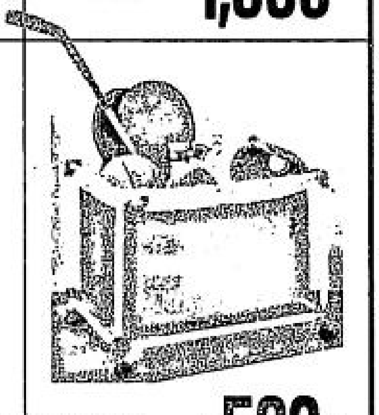

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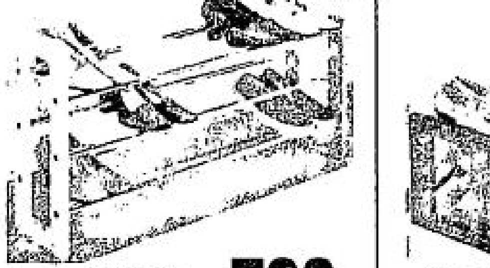

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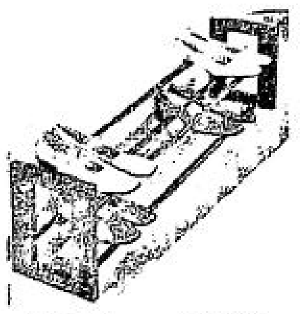

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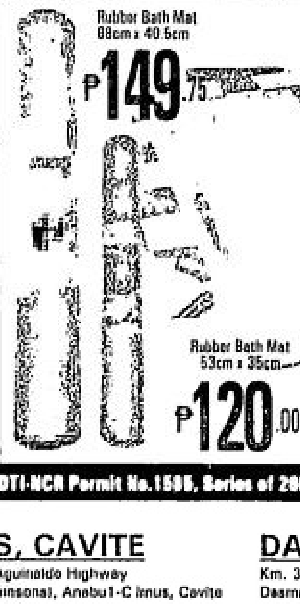

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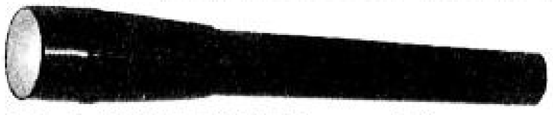

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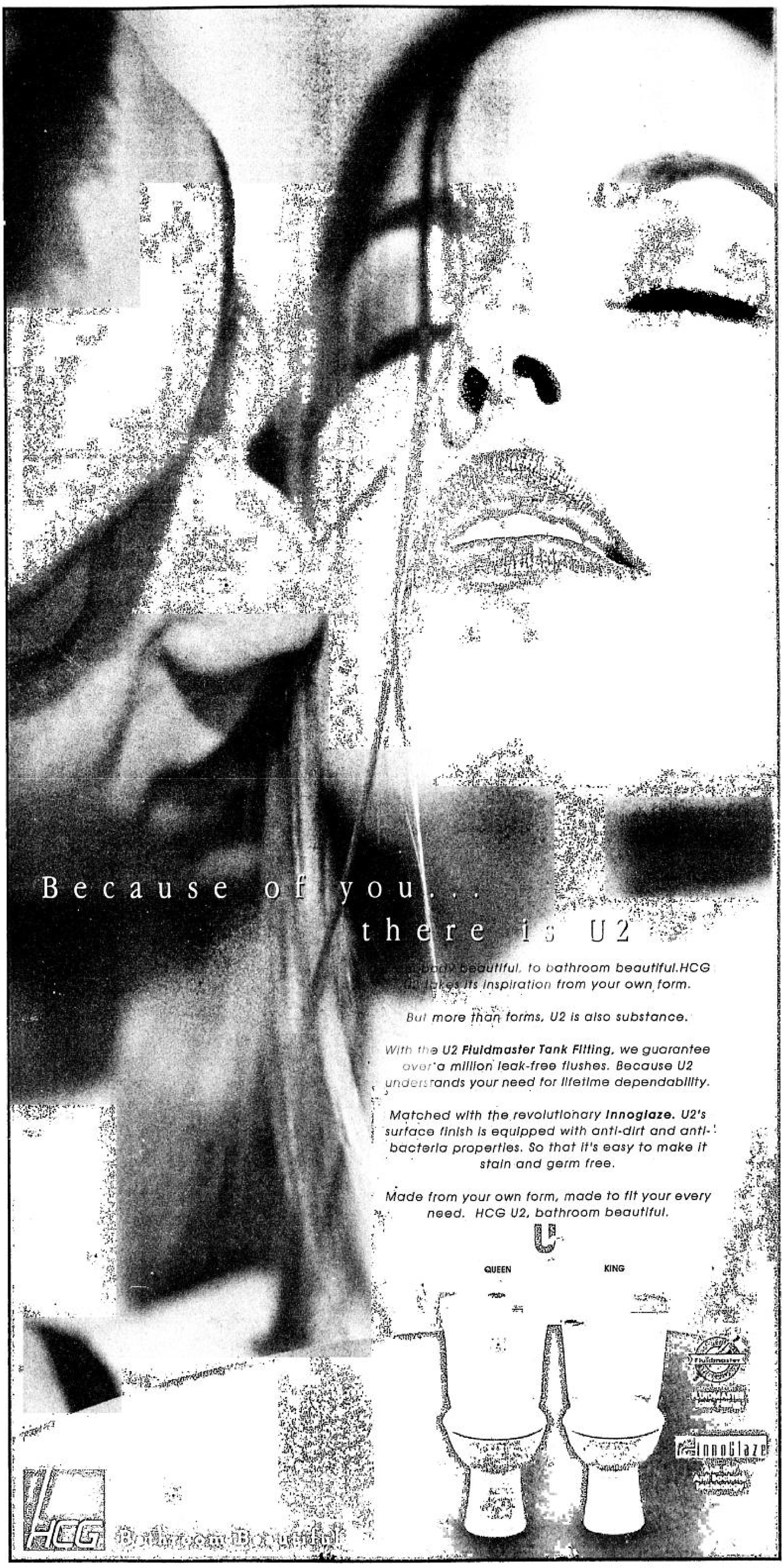

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**Office of the Secretary**
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# AN INVITATION

The Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) Executive Committee and National Technical Committee would like to invite interested parties to a public consultation relative to the proposed revisions of DA Administrative Order No. 39 s. 1999, otherwise known as the **REVISED IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND.**

The public hearing will be held on 19 June 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Convention Hall of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Visayas Avenue corner Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Due to limited seats and operating expenses, interested groups/parties are enjoined to send only one (1) representative per group/organization. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at the consultation shall be borne by the participants concerned. Persons intending to participate at the consultation may wish to refer to the DA website: http:/www.da.gov.ph for detailed information about the proposed revisions.

Interested parties may obtain further information and send expression of interest at the address below:

**THE ACEF NATIONAL TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**
**Room 209 – Project Development Service,**
**Department of Agriculture**
**Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City**
**Telephone Nos. (02) 928-8741 to 65 local 209 / 232**
**(02) 922-0930**

For administrative purposes, the deadline for expression of interest to attend consultation is on June 17, 2002.

(Sgd.) **LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.**
Secretary
Chair, ACEF Executive Committee

(PDI–June 9, 12 & 16, 2003)

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Pag-IBIG Fund invites all interested Consulting Firms to apply for eligibility and to participate in the bidding for Project Management Services for the Cagayan De Oro Regional Office Building located at J.R. Borja St., Cagayan De Oro City.

The Project Management Services required has an expected contract duration of 44 weeks. The services will be funded by Pag-IBIG Fund in the amount of P3,514,140.00.

Prospective bidders will be checked on their eligibility requirements, submitted bids will be examined, evaluated and post-qualification of bidders will be conducted.

Eligibility requirements and bidding forms will be made available for issuance to prospective applicants/bidders starting June 12, 2003 by the BAC-CS Secretariat located at Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 704, 7th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City upon payment of a non-refundable amount of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and presentation of the corresponding Official Receipt as proof of payment. For more information on the availability of the eligibility requirements and bidding forms, you may visit and/or contact the HDMF BAC-CS Secretariat at telephone number 8114401 local 302 and/or access our website at http://www.pag-ibig-fund.com.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 27, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

Deadline for the submission of accomplished eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be on July 14, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City. All documents must be addressed to the undersigned.

Pag-IBIG Fund reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, waive any defect or informality contained therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Fund.

(Sgd.) **MS. TESSIE M. GONZALES**
Senior Vice President – Operations Group
Chairperson
Bids & Awards Committee-Consulting Services

(PDI–June 12 & 19, 2003)

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Republic of the Philippines
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

17 March 2003
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
**NO. 9**
Series of 2003

**SUBJECT : MANDATORY APPLICATION OF HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) PROGRAM IN ALL NMIC ACCREDITED "AAA" MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS.**

***WHEREAS***, the Department of Agriculture is mandated to ensure the quality and safety of livestock and poultry products;

***WHEREAS***, the Department of Agriculture recognizes and adopts international standards, guidelines, recommendations issued by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for purposes of synchronization with that of member countries of WTO.

***WHEREAS***, HACCP is globally recognized set of procedures and standards for protecting the production, manufacturing, and distribution of food from contaminants and other hazards that are present in the food production processes;

***WHEREAS***, HACCP has been adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the World Health Organization (WHO), as the basic sanitary or phytosanitary (SPS) standard to be applied to food producers in every country.

***NOW***, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR. Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Order requiring all NMIC accredited "AAA" meat establishments to adopt internationally recognized Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Program in the whole process of food production and to be certified as such by NMIC.

The NMIC shall issue implementing guidelines to this effect.

This Order shall take effect after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

(Sgd.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
*Secretary*

(PDI - June 12, 2003)

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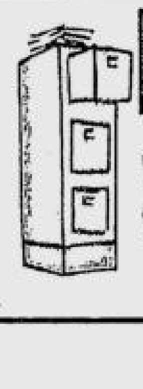

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Republic of the Philippines
**NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY**
Region XI
General Santos City

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Food Authority (NFA) XI will be conducting **A BIDDING ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF UREA FERTILIZER IN NFA REGION XI** on July 1, 2003 with the following specifications:

TYPE : PRILLED
NUTRIENT CONTENT (N-P-K) : 46-0-0
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE : Crystal White Fine Powder
SIZE OF GRANULES : 1.0- 1.5 mm
PACKAGING : Packed in standard plastic (Polypropylene) bag. Each bag shall contain fifty (50) kilograms

Bidding and award shall be on a per lot basis with the respective contract quantity and approved budgets as follows:

| LOT | PROGRAMMED AREA | QUANTITY(bags) | APPROVED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Gen. Santos City & Sarangani | 802 | Php 401,000.00 |
| 2 | Davao del Sur | 3,936 | 1,968,000.00 |
| 3 | Davao del Norte | 6,208 | 3,104,000.00 |
| 4 | Compostela Valley | 1,692 | 846,000.00 |
| 5 | Davao Oriental | 2,782 | 1,391,000.00 |
| 6 | Davao City | 58 | 29,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 15,478 | 7,739,000.00 |

Prospective bidders may opt to bid for one lot only. However, prospective bidders who will opt to bid for more than one (1) lot shall indicate in the bid proposal the bid price for each lot.

The NFA-XI BAC shall determine the eligibility of each prospective bidder by examining the completeness of the eligibility documents using the non-discretionary "PASS/FAIL" criteria. After "passing" the eligibility requirements, the First Bid Envelope containing the Technical requirements, (i.e.: Technical specifications of the fertilizer, bid security, etc) will be opened for examination using the same criteria. Likewise, the Second Bid Envelope containing the Bid Proposal will also be opened after "passing" the Technical requirements contained in the First Bid Envelope.

Only bidders who "passed" the eligibility check, technical and financial requirements as contained in the First and Second Bid Envelopes shall be subjected to post qualification evaluation. At this stage, verification, validation and evaluation of the documents submitted to ascertain the responsiveness of the Lowest Calculated Bid will be determined. Henceforth, the bidder whose Bid is determined to be the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid shall be awarded with the contract for the supply of Urea Fertilizer on a per lot basis.

At least fifty percent (50%) of the quantity of each lot shall be delivered within (7) calendar days from the bidder's receipt of the Notice to Proceed and the duly signed contract to the NFA receiving warehouses. The whole quantity of each lot shall be completely delivered within fifteen (15) calendar days from the bidder's receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Only licensed fertilizer suppliers (i.e. local manufacturers, importers, distributors or dealers of fertilizers) that are likewise included in the list of Licensed Fertilizer Handlers not earlier than May 26, 2003 duly signed and approved by the Fertilizer Pesticides Authority furnished by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit (DA-RFU) to NFA-XI BAC and have paid the non-refundable Bidding Fee of One Thousand Pesos only (Php 1,000.00) shall be allowed to participate in the Pre-Bidding Conference on June 24, 2003 and Bidding proper scheduled on July 1, 2003 to be held at 3rd Floor, Training Center, NFA Building, J. Catolico Ave., General Santos City with the following activities:

1. Dropping of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Envelope - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
2. Opening of Eligibility Requirement and Bid Envelopes - 10:30 a.m.

All other details of the bidding which include the Application Forms, Instruction to Bidders and other bid documents maybe obtained from the Secretariat of the NFA-XI Bids and Award Committee (NFA-XI BAC), 2nd Floor, National Food Authority Regional Office, J. Catolico Ave., Gen. Santos City after payment of a non-refundable Bidding fee in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND PESOS Php 1,000.00 on June 20 & 21, 2003** during office hours.

For more particulars, please contact Asst. Regional Director GIL PEPITO B. PAQUEO, Chairman NFA XI- BAC through Tel. No. 083-5545242 or 083-554-3200 Fax No. 083-5526206 or e-mail at nfaxiard@mozcom.com

The NFA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a failure of Bidding, or not award the contract in case of violation of the provisions aforestated in RA 9184.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO R. DELA CRUZ**
*Regional Manager*

(PDI - June 12 & 19, 2003)

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Republic of the Philippines
**NUEVA VIZCAYA STATE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

## NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Nueva Vizcaya State Institute of Technology formally and publicly announces that the Search for Presidency of the Nueva Vizcaya State Institute of Technology is now open.

Interested applicants are invited to send their formal application to the Honorable SCP Chairman JULITO D. VITRIOLO at the CHED Central Office, 5/F DAP Building, San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City with Tel. No. (02) 636-1691 or to:

Dr. HERNANDO R. GOMEZ
Commission on Higher Education
DAP Bldg., San Miguel Avenue
Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Tel. No. (02) 636-1693

Ms. BELLA ES. B. RUMBAUA
Board Secretary V
Nueva Vizcaya State Institute of Technology
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**Minimum Qualifications**

1. A Filipino citizen;
2. Must be physically and psychologically fit for the position;
3. Must be of Good Moral Character;
4. Must be at least 40 years old but not more than 60 at the time of application; and
5. With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience.

**Application Requirements**

1. Formal application letter addressed to the SCP Chair
2. Comprehensive resumé with authenticated supporting documents
3. Clearances from the NBI and Ombudsman
4. Health Certificate

Deadline for Submission of Application and Requirements — **June 30, 2003**

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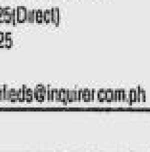

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## Dr. Rafael B. Dayao

*Peacefully joned our Lord*
*on June 5, 2003 at the age of 53.*

His loving wife **Jenny**; siblings and their spouses **Benny & Melly, Olive & Eddie, Malou & Amado, Vicky & Rainier**, and **Anthony & Lynche**; nephews and nieces **Michelle, Bert, Melanny, Brandon, Clarissa, Cyrus, Iñigo, Prince, Monica**, and **Gregory**; all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at San Fernando Sur Chapel, Cabiao, Nueva Ecija. There will be a special service in his honor on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at St. Luke's Medical Center Chapel, E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.

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## ERIBERTO "BO" R. SANCHEZ

(Formerly with CITADEL LINES)

*Peacefully joined our Lord on June 10, 2003 at the age of 76.*

His late wife **LOURDES** (†); daughters **EDITH** (†), **LEN, ESSIE & LELET**; sons-in-law **ANGEL, BONG, & RAUL**; grandchildren **EVAN, EHREN, ERVIN, JOHANN & BEA**; sister **EMY**; and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Sto. Domingo Church, Q.C.

Interment will be at the Manila North Cemetery on Saturday, June 14, 2003 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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*Thank you, Lord for all the happy years*
*with our beloved Mama*

## Marcelina Velasquez Vda. de Europa

*Who has joined her husband **Rosito**,*
*on June 10, 2003 and now peacefully rests*
*in the infinite warmth and embrace of the Lord.*

We, her children **Amelia, Gloria** (†), **Delano** and **Letty, Cynthia** and **Andy Estrada, Disraeli** and **Monina, Sylvia** and **Ric Pinca, Adlai** and **Beth, Marilyn** and **Ed Villacorta, Dek** and **Nanie**; her grandchildren and other relatives request for prayers for her eternal happiness.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Funeral Homes along Araneta Avenue, Quezon City and will be transferred to Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya on Sunday, June 15, 2003.

Interment will be announced later.

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## ASUNCION "Baby" STA. ROMANA EVANGELISTA

**of Sta. Ana, Manila**

*Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord.*
*and joined her beloved husband "**EFREN**" on June 10, 2003 at the age of 66.*

Her bereaved children **NIÑA & TIMMY FRANCISCO, GING, NATCHIE & ROSIE MONTANTE** and **GINOC & MARIVI SUNTAY**; grandchildren **KAITLYN, GABBIE, NICO, MIA & RAFAEL**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Love Chapel, Don Bosco Church, Makati City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at the Manila South Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Our Lady of the Abandoned Church, Sta. Ana, Manila.

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## DR. RODOLFO JARA MESA

of La Paz, Iloilo City

*Joined the Lord on June 9, 2003 at the age of 72.*

His bereaved wife **DAISY**; daughter and son-in-law **LILY ROSE & RAY**; grandson **NICO**; brother **ROLANDO**; sister **ELVIRA M. DE ASIS**, and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the family residence at 68 Burgos St., La Paz, Iloilo City.

Interment will be on Sunday, June 15, 2003 at the La Paz Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

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**"Let the words of my mouth meet your Favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock, my redeemer..."** — Psalm 21:15

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## Atty. ROMEO R. LICHAUCO

*Passed away in the Grace of our Lord*
*on June 10, 2003 at the age of 83.*

His bereaved wife **Lily**; children **Maria Luisa, Guia, Evelyn, Wilfredo, Virgilio, Julieta Angelo, Manuel Luis** and **Fernando**; his sons and daughters-in-law, other relatives and friends request the readers to join them in praying for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His body lies in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at Himlayang Pilipino, Quezon City after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Nacional Memorial Homes.

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*"Return, my soul, to your rest; the Lord has been good to you.*
*For my soul has been freed from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.*
*I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living."*

(Psalm 116:7-9)

## RAMON MANOTOC DE DIOS

***was called to a life of eternal happiness with the Lord and to a reunion with his parents, Justo and Basilia de Dios, and his brothers Teddy and Benito, on June 9, 2003 at the age of 55.***
***In Him he has found rest and the fullness of love forever.***

His beloved wife **Carmelita**; children **Mikkos** and **Mimer, Jappy, Angelo, Justin** and **Anna**; grandchildren **Mikey, Maxine, Ainna, Nicco, Adrian** and **Austin**; brothers **Antonio, Mario, Jose** and **Manuel**; sister **Maria Filomena**; his brothers- and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces request those whose lives he touched to remember him in their prayers with love and thanksgiving.

He lies in state at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque, after the celebration of Holy Mass at 1:30 p.m.

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*For joining us in our nightly vigils...*
*For attending the Masses and funeral rites...*
*For thinking of us in our hour of grief...*
*For all that you have done to console our hearts...*

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From the family of the late

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## DEATH NOTICES

**DR. MARTIN M. AGUSTIN**

*Died on June 5, 2003 at the age of 71.*

Body lies in state at Malacampa, Camiling, Tarlac.

Interment on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at Camiling North Cemetery after the 7 AM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Malacampa, Camiling, Tarlac.

**ROSITA TIU YAP**

*Died on June 8, 2003 at the age of 64.*

Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Somo Memorial Homes, Delgado St., Iloilo City.

Interment on Saturday, June 14, 2003 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**DR. FLORENTINO G. AYSON, Ph.D.**

*Died on June 8, 2003 at the age of 77.*

His body lies at the Funeraria Paz (old building) Chapel I, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

**LORY E. QUINTO Vda de MAGNO**

*Died on June 9, 2003 at the age of 67.*

Her body lies in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

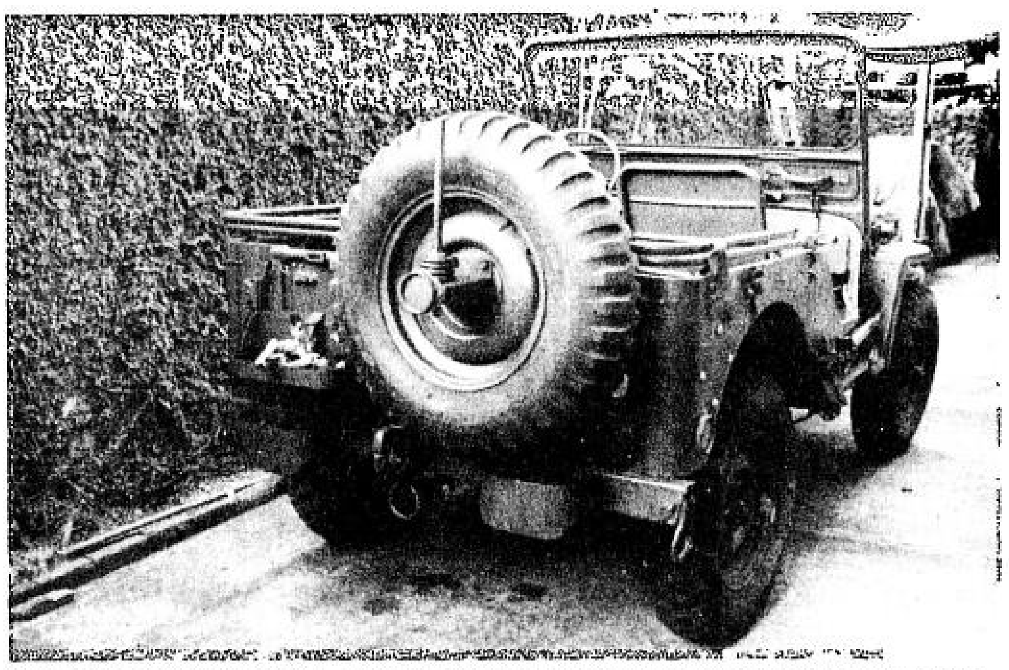
Interment on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at Himlayang Pilipino, Quezon City after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

# 'Relics of war' reborn; thanks to RP ingenuity

By Tessa R. Salazar

YOU can't take away Filipinos from jeeps, and you can't take the jeep from Filipinos. Our folk's long-standing relationship with the jeep is evident in the Philippine street scene: stainless "owner-type" jeeps and garishly ornamented passenger jeepneys mingle and jostle for space with modern luxury vehicles. True Pinoy culture, if we might say, is being passed on to the next generation inside, on top of, and on the "estribo" of a jeepney.

Filipinos, with their innate ingenuity, have molded the original American-issue military jeep into a "jack-of-all-trade" conveyance— good for both work and play. Combine this functionality with low purchase and maintenance costs, and you have a surefire bestseller of a vehicle.


GRANDDADDY OF 4-WHEEL. By accident or foresight, the jeep's original designers made a "thing of beauty" out of a "beast of burden."

## The jeep's appeal

And never mind those steel and metal joints crudely welded together. The appeal of the jeep, in fact, lies in the way imperfections are blended into those rugged frames. A jeep that looks like it was made with the precision of robots just doesn't look the same or feel as endearing.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Feeling the bulges, nicks and scratches is feeling the true jeep.

Beneath the jeep's many modern forms, the granddaddy of all jeeps, and jeepneys, is actually "Big Brother's" World War II jeep—a quarter ton of a workhorse. When the Americans left us, the jeeps were left behind.

Even then, that jeep already displayed uncanny carrying abilities.

Imagine this open vehicle with seats good only for four can actually carry 14 burly soldiers. Though it only ran on three-speed transmission, it could sprint at 60 miles an hour (96 kph).

And it goes without saying that this jeep was built for any hostile ground with its 4x4 capabilities, with a "low-range" shift that enabled it to climb steep mountain slopes.

## Most amazing aspect

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of this jeep is that it just refuses to die out of uselessness. Historian and jeep restoration enthusiast AJ Macalintal, an engineer who has five such original "GI jeeps" in Manila and another six or seven in the provinces, stressed that such jeeps were designed purely for functional reasons.

The designers, he said, didn't consider style, unlike cars that required styling for its specific market. In the jeep's case, style came from the primary consideration of function. Thus, perhaps by accident or foresight, the jeep's original designers made a "thing of beauty" out of a "beast of burden."

Thus, the jeep—with its effortlessly rugged good looks—has been on display in the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York City, side by side with the Ferrari, a Lincoln Continental and many such cars known for their beauty.

## Granddaddy

The military jeeps abandoned here by the Americans happen to be the granddaddy of all 4-wheel-drive vehicles as well. Today's sport utility vehicles such as the Pajeros, Patrols and Explorers can credit their all-terrain

'RELICS OF WAR'/B17

## *Want to restore a jeep?*

By Tessa R. Salazar

THERE are several ways to get involved in jeep restoration.

Try looking for original jeeps that can be restored. A farm in the province might be a good "lair" for an original military jeep. For all we know, that rusting jeep in the barnyard could be a diamond in the rough.

### Sources of info

When your intuition dictates that that rusty pile of scrap metal can be restored back to its old glorious self, get in touch with the Philippine Jeep Preservation Foundation. Its members can hook you up to people who may have spare engines or parts.

Or you can start from scratch and try to source all the parts. Again, the Philippine Jeep Preservation Foundation will help you hook up and network and source parts.

You can source the body and all the metal parts from MD Juan Enterprises. Log on to www.mdjuan.com.ph.

For practical restorers, a surplus Isuzu engine would do, and the foundation will refer you to an assembler. Practical restorers want to make their vehicle look and perform like a jeep.

The Internet is also a good source of information for jeep restoration. Www.g503.com, for instance, has a discussion board about it. It gets 1,000 hits a day.

### Historically accurate

Of course, with original restorers, it's a different story. For purists, a restoration project would entail working on no less than a MacArthur jeep. You will have to use authentic parts—down to the last screw.

If you want to be historically accurate about it, the Philippines is it.

THE JEEP that refuses to die out of uselessness

The country is still replete with World War II veterans with their old jeeps still intact. Most likely, though, they are not willing to sell. It has been said that when veterans die, they can't bring their jeeps with them. So the morbid wait starts for those who wish for more than the original.

### Heading for oblivion?

Despite the growing interest in jeeps, the foundation fears the jeep is headed for oblivion. Fifty years from now, its members say, you might have to go to museums just to see how a jeep looks like.

For Filipinos today, a jeep confined to a museum is a far-fetched idea, of course.

A restoration project can cost anywhere between P150,000 and P200,000. To get monetary returns, of course, you have to sell.

Many of those who restore jeeps normally own two types: one modern jeep that they could use for everyday commutes, and another "trophy jeep" they can display and brag about during club meetings or jeep jamborees.

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# Manufacturers debunk myths on 2-stroke bikes

By Charles E. Buban

*(Last of two parts)*

SMOKE can sometimes obscure some little-known facts about two-stroke motorcycles.

For example, the white smoke coming out of its exhausts. "People equate the white smoke with carbon monoxides and hydrocarbons—the major pollutants attributed to two-stroke motorcycles—when it fact, they are not related," revealed Alfredo Alarcon, president of the Motorcycle Development Program Participants Association.

According to Alarcon, the white smoke is nothing but a mixture of unburnt oil and water that has stagnated in the engine's muffler and is ejected whenever the motorcycle is accelerating or when it is starting up.

"We are dealing here with two problems, the CO and HC on one hand and the white smoke on the other. And since white smoke is still very unsightly, manufacturers are doing something about it, too," Alarcon admitted.

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### Countering the smoke problem

But first, why are there white smoke in two-stoke engines?

'During the fifth meeting of experts on motorization and environmental issues in 1999, the Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization Center (Jasic) said white smoke is due to the lubrication system of two-stroke engines.

In two-stoke engines, the lubricant is what greases the parts inside the crankcase. This same lubricant is carried into the combustion chamber (by the flow of air-gasoline mixture through the scavenging passage) where it then greases the cylinder wall and other portions in the engines that rub one another.

As a result, the Jasic report said, some of these oil particles that have not been burned are ejected through the exhaust port of the muffler, which occurs mostly during low load engine operations.

"At the same time, water that has been generated as a by-product of gasoline combustion is ejected into the muffler, which is the white smoke we now see," explained Rodel Pablo of Kawasaki Motors Philippines.

### Proper use of 2T oil

Pablo said that through the proper use of 2T oil, smoke can be eliminated.

"Apart from reminding drivers to regularly check and maintain their motorcycle and use only the approved T2 oil, we also tell them not to mix T2 oil directly to the gasoline tank as this would create a ratio no longer appropriate," he explained.

Jasic also reported that by using a low-smoke engine oil consisting mainly of polyisobutylene, the amount of white smoke can also be reduced.

The low-smoke oil (Jaso-FC) also reduces carbon generation, so that the accumulation of carbons, so-called carbon deposit over combustion-related parts is minimized, said the report.

"Excellent engine performance, including low emission, can be achieved for a much longer period if a low-smoke engine oil is used. One can simply go to any authorized dealer to get one of these Jasic approved 2T oil," according to Pablo.

With the implementation of the Clean Air Act, even some enterprising scientists and inventors are scampering to find ways on how they can make two-stroke motorcycles comply with the law.

One of the breakthroughs they announced is developing a differently formulated 2T oil which they promised will eliminate smoke and pollutants.

Among these products are Per'tua 2T developed by Juanito Simon and Samson Motor Oil for two strokes developed by Benjamin Samson.

### Controlling emissions

As suggested by Jasic, there are several ways to counter emission problems in two-strokes: engine design modification, use of secondary air induction system, oxydation catalyst system and three-way catalyst system.

An engine using a direct fuel injection system is a potentially effective engine design technology that reduces emissions, according to Jasic.

This type of engine is furnished with an exhaust valve system aimed at achieving perfect combustion of the air-fuel mixture by optimizing the exhaust valve position.

This new system while almost structurally similar to existing systems employs electronic control of exhaust valve position (and adjusts) according to driving conditions such as engine speed and engine load conditions.

Jasic, however, conceded that for manufacturers to adapt this system, they would need to modify their engine like furnishing a new fuel pump for a high pressure fuel supply.

### Controlling emissions

To address harmful emissions of CO and HC, manufacturers have installed several design changes in their two-stroke motorcycles.

In the case of Kawasaki, its two-stroke motorcycle models were equipped with a conventional oxidation catalyst (COC), which treats CO and HC by oxidation process.

"This type of catalytic converter made from noble metals—platinum, palladium and rhodium—works quite efficiently at high temperature, and that is why it is placed near exhaust pipes," explained Pablo.

Aside from treating exhaust gases, the COC also prevents the accumulation of carbon deposits in the muffler and oil deposits (which support the production of white smoke).

Two-stroke motorcycle manufacturer Suzuki said that even before the Clean Air Act policies took effect in the country, most two-stroke models sold in the country already complied with emissions standards of other countries, which are very strict.

Said Paula Popple of Suzuki Philippines: "Japan, which manufactures most of the two-stroke motorcycles sold in the Philippines, follows a very strict emissions standards there. This is an assurance Filipino buyers can count on."

### New study

A study conducted by the De La Salle University's College of Engineering reported the development of another type of oxidation catalyst that removes pollutants more effectively than catalytic converters in use today.

Dr. Susan M. Gallardo, professor at the DLSU chemical engineering department, said the new device is more effective at screening out the three toxic substances from exhaust emissions, namely oxides of nitrogen (which are major contributors to smog), CO and HC.

"The catalytic converters, particularly the three-way catalytic converter (TWC) in use today, require the use of fuel that is virtually free from lead and sulfur to be effective," explained Gallardo.

A TWC is a triple purpose converter, which reduces nitrous oxides into nitrogen and oxygen. Like the two-way converter, it also oxidizes unburned harmful hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide into water and carbon dioxide.

"But since the fuel (being used here in the Philippines) has high sulfur content, TWC is not suitable. The oxidation catalyst we developed will be more suitable to our case here and will only require a constant supply of oxygen," Gallardo said.

She made assurances that the oxidation catalyst would only be one-third of the cost of TWC (currently priced between P6,000 and P12,000).

However, the professor admitted that this oxidation catalyst is not yet locally made as only Johnson-Matthey Japan Ltd. manufactures the catalyst developed by Gallardo and her Japanese counterparts.

### Assuring the public

The MDPPA has assured the public that its member-companies selling two-stroke motorcycles are compliant with the government's emission standards, debunking claims that this type of motorcycles are major road pollutants in the country.

Alarcon said owners should be responsible enough to maintain their vehicle's efficiency once it leaves the dealership.

"Having the vehicle serviced regularly and performing simple maintenance tasks can also reduce the amount of pollution the vehicle produces," he concluded.

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# CUVs or crossovers

ON THE ROAD

*Aida Sevilla-Mendoza*

SALES of big sport utility vehicles continue to boom despite their spotty safety record and notorious thirst for fuel. Big SUVs bring joy to the auto industry since every SUV sold means as much as US$10,000 profit to the manufacturer. In the United States alone, SUV sales are projected to increase to about 2.3 million units annually by 2008

But opposition to big SUVs, because of their questionable safety and adverse environmental impact, is spreading. A traditional SUV has truck underpinnings, with its body bolted to a pickup truck's chassis or frame. The body-on-frame construction and high ground clearance make the SUV less stable and, having a truck's size and weight, less fuel-efficient than passenger cars.

Now the auto industry has come up with an answer to critics of the SUV: the car-based utility vehicle (CUV) or crossover. Because most CUVs are derived from front-wheel-drive cars, they get better mileage than SUVs and handle like cars. The crossover's cabin and chassis are one unit, with frame rails integrated into the body shell, making it lighter and more agile than the SUV. Yet, a crossover is more versatile than a car because it is roomier.

### The first CUVs

The first CUVs were the cute utes displayed at the 1995 Tokyo Motor Show: Toyota's Corona-based RAV4 and Honda's Civic-based CR-V. But they were not called crossovers back then.

Not all cute utes are CUVs. The first Kia Sportage, for example, was a genuine—albeit small—body-on-frame 4x4 SUV with a transfer case. But with the growing demand for crossovers, the Sportage's cabin and chassis have been redesigned for 2004 as a single unit and will share components with the new Kia Spectra sedan, a clone of the Hyundai Elantra sedan.

### Not all small

The Honda Element, built on the CR-V platform and powered by the CR-V engine, is considered a crossover. So are the Toyota Matrix (not to be mixed up with Hyundai's Matrix) and the Suzuki Aerio SX.

This is not to say that all crossovers are small. Last April, the Chrysler division of Daimler-Chrysler launched the Pacifica, a plush five-door, 3.5-liter V6 "sports tourer" with many SUV-like features. The Pacifica is large, with its unibody measuring only 1.7 inches shorter than the Town & Country, Chrysler's biggest minivan.

Another not-so-small crossover is Mitsubishi's Endeavor Limited AWD (not to be mixed up with the locally assembled Endeavor 4x2 pickup), which is based on the next Galant sedan and is powered by a 3.8-liter SOHC V-6. The Toyota Highlander (not to be confused with Isuzu's Asian utility vehicle, the Hilander, now known as the Crosswind) is built on the Camry sedan's chassis and has a Camry engine, either the standard 155 hp, 2.4-liter four or the upgrade 3.0-liter DOHC 24-valve V6. The Nissan Murano, a 3.5-liter DOHC V-6 CUV, is based on the Altima sedan's platform. The Honda Pilot (240 hp, 3.5-liter SOHC V-6) has the same platform as the Honda Odyssey, America's second-best-selling minivan after the Dodge Caravan.

### Soon to beat SUV sales

Sales of crossovers in the United States, according to automotive re-

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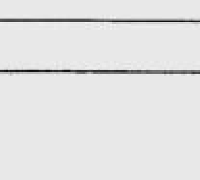
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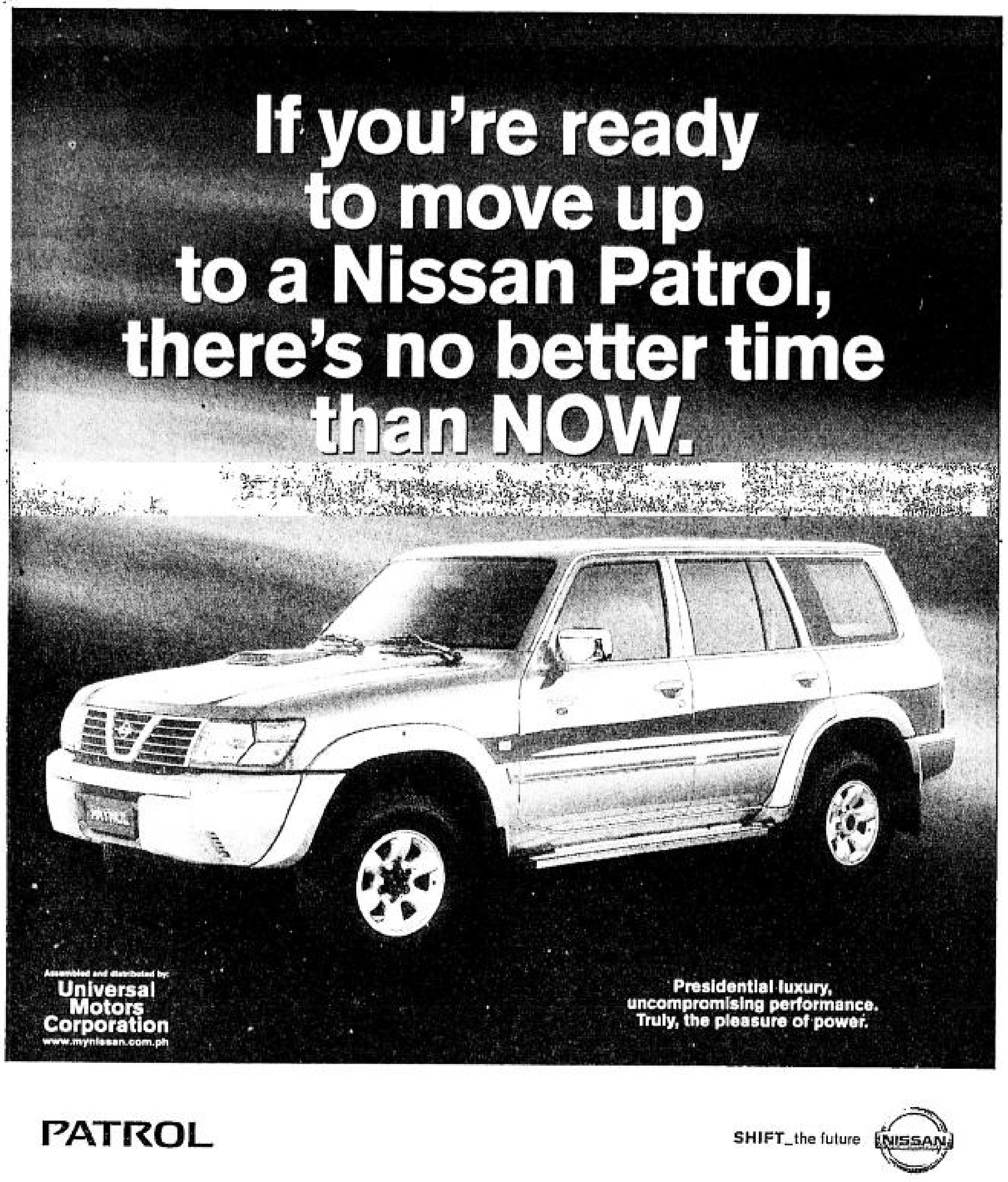

# Ferrari 360 Modena available in RP

THE FERRARI 360 Modena is now available on a per order basis. This was the announcement made by Formula Sports Inc., the sole authorized distributor of Ferrari and Maserati automobiles in the Philippines.

With its clean-sheet design that sets the trend for future Ferrari road cars, the 360 Modena boasts of a 3.6-liter V8 engine, a maximum speed performance of over 295 km/h, and low body weight combined with greater chassis rigidity. Priced at roughly P22 million (depending on options), the model comes with a choice of manual or F1-style 6-speed gearbox.

It is the first Ferrari production to be entirely constructed in aluminum. The chassis, bodyshell and suspension wishbones are all made from this lightweight material, thus allowing engineers to provide the best overall performance and handling ever achieved in a mid-engined Ferrari..

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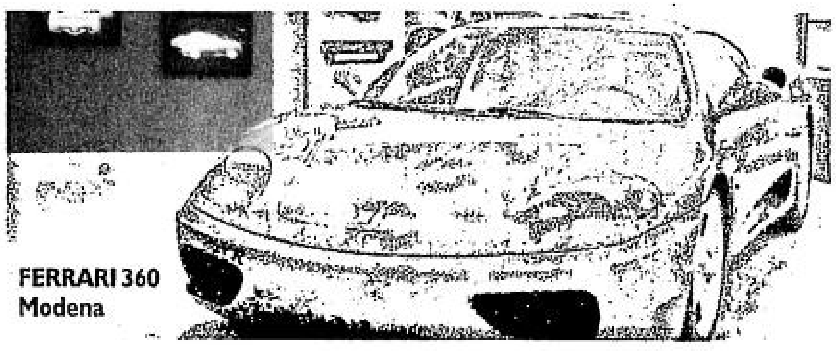
FERRARI 360 Modena

Other Ferrari models available by order through the FSI are the 360 Spyder, the 575M Maranello, and the 456M GTA.

For Maserati, the FSI is offering models such as the 4200 GT Coupé and 4200 GT Spyder. The company is set on offering all the latest models so that local buyers can acquire the same high-performance machinery that is accessible elsewhere around the world.

Said Carlos A. Nakpil, FSI managing director: "There is a small but dedicated group of Ferrari and Maserati owners in the Philippines. We feel that we can build on this by providing factory-certified Ferrari-Maserati service for these enthusiasts, and making the latest models directly available to them."

The FSI has recently opened its showroom at the Ortigas Center as well as its factory-certified service facility in Makati City. Both are well-equipped to handle the service requirements of local Ferrari and Maserati owners.

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# Bringing Ford's commitment to next 100 years

By Charles E. Buban

ON JUNE 16, Ford Motors will be celebrating its 100th year. The $164-billion company, the second largest automaker in the world, is looking forward to have an even greater impact in countries where it is located, through innovative products and sound management.

Although the Dearborn, Michigan-based company is considered a new player here in the country—having reestablished its presence just five years ago—Ford Philippines, nevertheless is showing the rest of the auto industry here how to succeed not only in the domestic market but in the region as well.

Ford Philippines president Henry Co recently sat down with the INQUIRER and discussed about this and a variety of other subjects.

CO ROGER CARPIO

INQUIRER: **First, the financial crisis, then the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks followed by the war in the Middle East, and more recently the SARS scare. How is Ford Philippines coping with the times?**

Co: Like the rest of the auto industry here, we were affected, by all these events. Ford Philippines came in to this market in 1997, a year that was already well into the Asean crisis and with all the events that followed, the industry we are now operating on was way off what we had actually projected for our business plan.

Fortunately for us we managed to sort out things and went ahead with the Asean Industrial Cooperation (Aico) scheme—we stopped production of the Ranger (which went to Thailand) but we increased the volume of the Lynx (Laser in Thailand) then we added another model, the Escape.

(In 2001, Ford Philippines signed an agreement with the Thai, Malaysian and the Philippine government to allow the company to avail the Aico scheme.

Aico is an industrial cooperation mechanism to promote joint-manufacturing activities among companies based in the Asean region.

The scheme, which became effective on Nov. 1, 1996, offers companies like Ford Motors located in different Asean member-countries, the opportunity to benefit from economies of scale through resource sharing and industrial complementation.)

**How has the Aico benefited the company now?**

This shows you the strength of operating in a large market: In 2001, we produced around 2,500 units; in 2002, roughly the same number; this year as Aico gets underway, we will be producing about 17,000 units—14,000 units for export and about 3,000 more for the domestic market. In fact, by 2005 to 2006, we will be shipping out probably around 40,000 units around the region.

We are no longer a domestic manufacturer but a regional player. As you can see, this country is not yet out of the Asean crisis, and to get through it one must take advantage of the Asean Free Trade Agreement (Afta) and the Aico.

**Is this how the industry should change to?**

I believe it's no longer a matter of choice. Unless one starts thinking about producing here and competing in that large regional market, 10 years from now you won't be around to do your business. Don't think of global yet, at least think of the Asean market.

**What is driving the company to be a global player?**

There are two things that drove Ford Motors to become a global organization: the people practices within the company and the advancement in communications technology.

In my office, I'm connected to a Ford Intranet or the Ford Communications Network, which is a link connected to the rest of the Ford companies around the world.

This internal news network tells me what is happening in other places. I can tap into this system and know the quantity of the cars that was produced yesterday, say, in Turkey or know how much one head lamp costs from one of the suppliers in the US. I no longer have to lift my phone to do that.

In the same way, we are also connected with our customers though a network where they can tap us for any inquiries and problems they might have.

This is a strength that a lot of our competitors still don't have.

**How is it like selling an American brand in a Japanese-dominated market?**

Ford is no longer just an American brand, but a global brand. Right now it's no longer just what you are selling but how you are taking care of and satisfying your customers.

The JD Powers survey has ranked us No.1 in the customer satisfaction service for two years in a row now and that speaks of how we are taking care of and satisfying our customers.

I believe we are introducing new and positive ways of doing business and how to manage people to create a difference in the auto industry.

**On your forthcoming centenary, what can we expect with Ford Philippines?**

Apart from searching for the oldest Ford vehicle (remember that Ford came to the Philippines in 1917), we will be holding a motorshow showcasing several models that are not marketed here. Hopefully, we can bring and sell some of them here soon.

And of course, Ford will still continue its environmental grants. .Since the company started the Ford Conservation and Environmental Grant in 2000, we have given out about P9 million to 26 grantees already. If you look at them you'll see a whole range of very interesting endeavors ranging from heritage conservation to plant and animal management.

Within the auto industry here in the country, I believe we are the leader when it comes to protecting the environment. Our Sta. Rosa, Laguna plant got its ISO 14000 certification for environmental standard before we even built our first vehicle.

That plant also boasts a containment pond—sort of a miniature lake—that ensures the plant's waste water is clean and safe before it is released into the river system around it so that farmers can use the water in irrigating their fields.

The water is so safe that, in fact, there are fishes, turtles and some other small marine animals living in it.

**Is this also true with all your vehicles? There are groups clamoring against SUV saying this type of vehicle is not safe and not good for the environment, what can you say about this?**

Yes, the Expedition is a 4.6-liter SUV but do you know that it is classified as a low emission vehicle in the US? Its emission is a much lower level than an ordinary passenger car here.

Of course, the trend for us manufacturers is to go to more environment-friendly vehicles. The research is continuous and we will get there, soon.

## RPN AUTO EXTREME AUTO BYTES

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**WHAT is fuel knock? Does it really damage an engine?**

*—Aldwin E. Montalbo of Rosario, Batangas*

Engine knock is a pinging or knocking sound that results from premature ignition of the compressed fuel-air mixture in one or more of your cylinders. How do you keep this from happening? Check your owner's manual to determine the right octane level for your car. A fuel's octane rating is a measure of its ability to resist engine knocking. The higher the anti-knock index, the higher its resistance to engine knock.

But don't just go rushing out to buy the highest octane gas yet. Unless your engine actually requires that octane rating, in most cases it offers absolutely no benefit. A car's engine is designed by its manufacturer for fuel of a particular octane number. Although certain cars such as sports cars and some luxury cars may require higher octane levels, the recommended gasoline for most cars is regular octane.

A fuel's octane rating is totally unrelated to power. A higher rating does not mean it will improve your car's performance, clean your engine better, or give you better mileage. It is even possible that an engine optimized to run on regular octane gas will produce less power when fed high octane fuel. So buying higher octane than recommended can simply be a waste of money.

The only time you might need to switch to a higher octane level is if your car engine knocks when you use the recommended fuel; usually those that have had modifications and especially older cars. Over time, the buildup of engine deposits can increase the fuel octane number required.

In many cases, switching to the gasoline blend with the next-higher anti-knock index will eliminate the knock. If it persists after one or two fill-ups, you may need a tune-up or some repairs. After that work is done, go back to the lowest octane grade at which your engine runs without knocking.

Occasional light knocking won't harm your engine, and doesn't necessarily indicate a need for higher octane. But don't ignore severe knocking. It can lead to engine damage.

The bottom line: Check your owner's manual to determine the right octane level for your car. Too little, and you risk engine damage. Too much, and you're wasting money and quite possibly reducing performance.

# 'Ate' Glo makes another 'pogi' point

**FULL TANK**

*Al Mendoza*

THE TRUCK (fuel tanker) that hit a shanty, killing one, at the South Luzon Expressway some time ago exposed yet another government anomaly.

While it was bad enough that the accident triggered a traffic jam that lasted days, the sorrier part of it was the discovery that the squatter shanty was on PNCC (Philippine National Construction Corp.) turf. And it's been there for the last seven years!

My eye.

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The accident happened when the truck driver avoided a vehicle that strayed from the opposite direction. It fell off a bridge, hitting the shanty down below, where a person asleep was pinned to death. The driver, unhurt, surrendered to the police.

The owner of the fuel tanker immediately extended assistance to the victims. When he complained to the PNCC why that squatter shanty and other shanties were allowed to sprout on the expressway, he was told, "We've been trying to remove them for the last seven years but they won't budge."

Further investigation revealed that every now and then, squatters get run over in the vicinity of that spot. Most remain unreported.

Now, my fellow tax-paying citizens of this republic, we pay toll at the expressway only to see squatters being condoned by the PNCC to squat on government property, posing hazards both to motorists and squatter occupants. Where's the so-called political will from our PNCC officials to rid the main artery to the South of squatters?

Paging *Ate* Glo.

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And speaking of *Ate* Glo (a.k.a. President Macapagal-Arroyo), I commend her once more for her consistency in making surprise visits to government offices in her drive to expose the ineffective, if not corrupt, personnel in the government. She did it before at the Naia (Ninoy Aquino International Airport), she did it again on Monday (June 9) at the LTO (Land Transportation Office).

A flabbergasted Bobby Lastimoso, the man from Roxas City and the beloved classmate of my friend Nelson Almonguera, could only scratch his head in shame when she got a tongue-lashing from *Ate* Glo in full view of a crowd. With TV cameras rolling even.

In this latest "surprise attack" by the President, she found out that LTO personnel had left their posts at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. *Ate* Glo had earlier sent spies, who also reported to her the presence of fixers at the LTO offices on East Avenue in Quezon City. Likewise, the President scored Bobby for the nagging EWD controversy, subsequently suspending the sale of the gadget pending the resolution of complaints bugging the LTO regarding alleged overpricing.

I hope Bobby, who in fairness to him, had been implementing changes since he became LTO boss a while back, would take *Ate* Glo's anger on a positive note and immediately institute more radical reforms on the traditionally graft-ridden agency.

*Ang pikon, talo 'pre.*

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Toyota was No. 1 once more in all categories as the automotive industry scored a 19-percent rise in sales in the first five months of 2003. The giant carmaker cornered 60 percent of the market, with the remaining 40 percent distributed among its major competitors.

In the AUV category, Revo was No. 1, followed by the Honda C-RV, Isuzu Crosswind and Mitsubishi Adventure.

The rise in sales can be attributed to an economy on the rebound, brought on by improved ratings on *Ate* Glo's performance, not to mention the fact that new directions have really greatly emphasized on quality performance of new models, like Toyota's Vios and Honda's Accord and City.

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And yes, I raise a glass to Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. for donating P500,000 to the Philippine Basketball Association's (PBA) Player Trust Fund during the PBA All-Star Weekend. With this, Asia's top carmaker becomes the first corporation ever to donate to the trust fund that was established to help former PBA players who are in need of financial assistance.

Sen. Robert S. Jaworski, who sought the donation, announced it himself, eliciting cheers from the crowd before the Crispa-Toyota game was held at the Cubao Big Dome. Fittingly, Jaworski, a Toyota star in his heyday, made the night's most memorable shot—a triple—with seconds left to ensure Toyota's 65-61 victory.

Danny Isla, the first vice president of Toyota Motor Phils., made the donation. He said: "The PBA has remained as the most popular basketball league in Asia because of the heroics of its players. Toyota is giving due recognition to all these heroes who have given their best to entertain us as well as promote the spirit of athleticism and sportsmanship in the country. The Toyota basketball team then and the Toyota Motor Philippines now carry the same passion and spirit that carried us to our victories. We will continue to work and serve our customers with the same passion Toyota has always been known for."

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Now that the Excise Tax Law on vehicles has been passed on second reading, we can say that the Ralph Recto-sponsored bill is almost a done deal. Soon, vehicles will be sold based on value, meaning taxes will be levied based on factory price. The "cheaper" the value of the vehicle, the lower the excise tax. Thus, it is forecast that cars will soon gain a big advantage over the high-end vehicles, particularly the SUVs.

But will the shift in choice radically change—from SUVs, if not AUVs, to the smaller passenger cars once the new law is in force?

Your guess is as good as Ariel de Jesus'. Meanwhile, Congress will reopen only on July 28 and thus, the waiting game continues.

My sympathies to our vehicle companies, whose projections/adjustments have been on hold for quite some time now due to the dilly-dallying tactics of most of our senators regarding the Excise Tax Law.

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QUOTE ME. Now I know why the Starex is a knockout. I drove one awhile back and I'm convinced it really deserves its famous billing: the best selling van in the country. Korea, indeed, has grown by leaps and bounds when it comes to producing quality vehicles.

# 'Relics of war' reborn; thanks to. . .

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versatility to the jeep, the first 4-wheel-drive vehicle in the world.

It was before World War II broke out when the US government commissioned different automobile companies to produce a vehicle that would be capable of running on all its wheels. That vehicle should then be able to go up mountains and cross deserts and bodies of water.

When the jeep was designed and manufactured, about 650,000 of them were sent to Europe and the Asia-Pacific war arena. A number of them found their way to the Philippines.

It would turn out that these vehicles would get closer to the hearts of Filipinos. Different types of jeeps were manufactured, depending on the era. Filipinos call such types with names not used anywhere else in the world. The original World War II jeeps were called "MacArthurs" while the Vietnam War-era M151 jeep was called the "Kennedy" (which possessed independent suspension in front and rear).

The M38A1 used during the Korean War was called the "Eisenhower."

Jeeps were such a hit in the country that enterprising businesses imported surplus jeeps and jeep parts from various surplus disposal in Europe, Okinawa and other areas.

## Valuable in RP

"I don't think there's any country in the world that has taken to the jeep as much as the Philippines," said AJ Macalintal. And Filipinos know these jeeps are valuable. An authentic MacArthur jeep, according to Macalintal, never depreciates.

The jeep has even penetrated Filipinos' treasure of urban legends. The story goes that before the Americans left the Philippines, they dug a huge hole in the grounds of La Loma and buried many jeeps laden with valuables there. Another story goes that when the Japanese defeated the Americans, the Americans sank a barge full of jeeps in Manila Bay, perhaps to keep the jeeps' mechanisms secret.

## Jeep capital of Asia

Of all the numerous jeep assemblers in the country today, it is MD Juan Enterprises Inc. that specializes in the manufacture of military and civilian replica jeep bodies and parts.

It was in 1966 when patriarch Maximino Dionisio started importing surplus engines. He found a dire need for jeep parts because the parts in the American jeeps used by Filipinos were starting to wear out.

Slowly, Maximino, or "MD", started supplying parts as they came. Soon, MD was being supplied with original jeep engines and transmissions noted for durability, said grandson Rommel T. Juan, vice president for marketing of MD Juan Enterprises.

The original engines consisted of Ford and Willy's gas engines, sometimes also called "flat heads."

**FILIPINOS** have molded the original American-issue military jeep into a "jack-of-all-trade" conveyance good for both work and play.

These engines' powertrains, he added, was also durable as these powertrains could be used now.

After supplying the basic parts, MD Juan next supplied body parts such as the fenders, the hood and the body assembly.

At first, the body parts were hand-made using sheet metal buds.

Eventually, MD Juan invented the machinery, employing "reverse engineering." The company possessed an original and then copied it.

"The process just happened accidentally. All we wanted to do was supply the local market. But in the 70s we got an order from the United States, and realized we were the only ones left making (original jeeps). Now, all the restorers from Europe, United States, Australia and Japan order from us. We're the only producers in the world," Rommel said.

Not everyone here knows that MD Juan supplies the world with original jeeps. But renewed global interest in World War II memorabilia helps boost the business. Hollywood movies such as "Saving Private Ryan" and "Band of Brothers" have been seen as a vehicle to popularize the jeep once more.

"Younger people in many parts of the world now want their own jeeps.

Here in the Philippines, however, jeep assembly is still a hobby for daddies," he said.

He added Filipinos should be proud of their country's deep heritage with the jeep. "We're the jeep capital of Asia. The jeep has become such a popular hobby all over the world. We want it to be the same here in the Philippines."

Rommel and his company are not alone. There are other local groups and jeep enthusiasts who have formed different clubs in Angeles, Pampanga, Davao and Cebu.

"We want to be the coordinator of all these enthusiasts. (We can supply) whatever parts they need, whether they are based locally or overseas," Rommel said.

Rommel is part of a foundation named Philippine Jeep Preservation. Its aim is to promote the hobby of jeep restoration and to educate Filipinos on the rich history of the jeep.

"The jeep won the war for the Americans," Rommel said. But, perhaps more significantly, it has won the hearts of working Filipinos.

# CUVs or crossovers. . .

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search outfit Global Insight Inc., are expected to beat SUVs in the future by reaching 2.6 to 2.8 million units annually by 2008 from the current 500,000 annually. This estimate makes the CUV category extremely promising. Already, General Motors says it may call its future vehicles "crossover sport wagons" instead of minivans.

Regarding minivans, they became a family status symbol and enjoyed immense popularity in the mid-1980s up to the late 1990s in the United Sates. But they soon acquired a boring image as mom mobiles and are now outsold by SUVs, although as late as the year 2000 minivan sales hit a record high of 1.3 million. In an effort to revive the minivan's popularity, Nissan and Toyota have come up with fresh versions of their minivans, the Quest and the Sienna, and Ford is scheduled to replace its Windstar minivan with the Freestar this summer.

But the minivan era appears to be ending in the United States. With the minivan fading and objections to big, gas-guzzling SUVs gaining ground, the crossover market looks like the wave of the future and many automakers are joining the bandwagon. Even Mercedes-Benz is planning to produce its own crossover vehicle, the GST (Grand Sport Tourer). *(With data from Bloomberg News, The New York Times, Car and Driver)*

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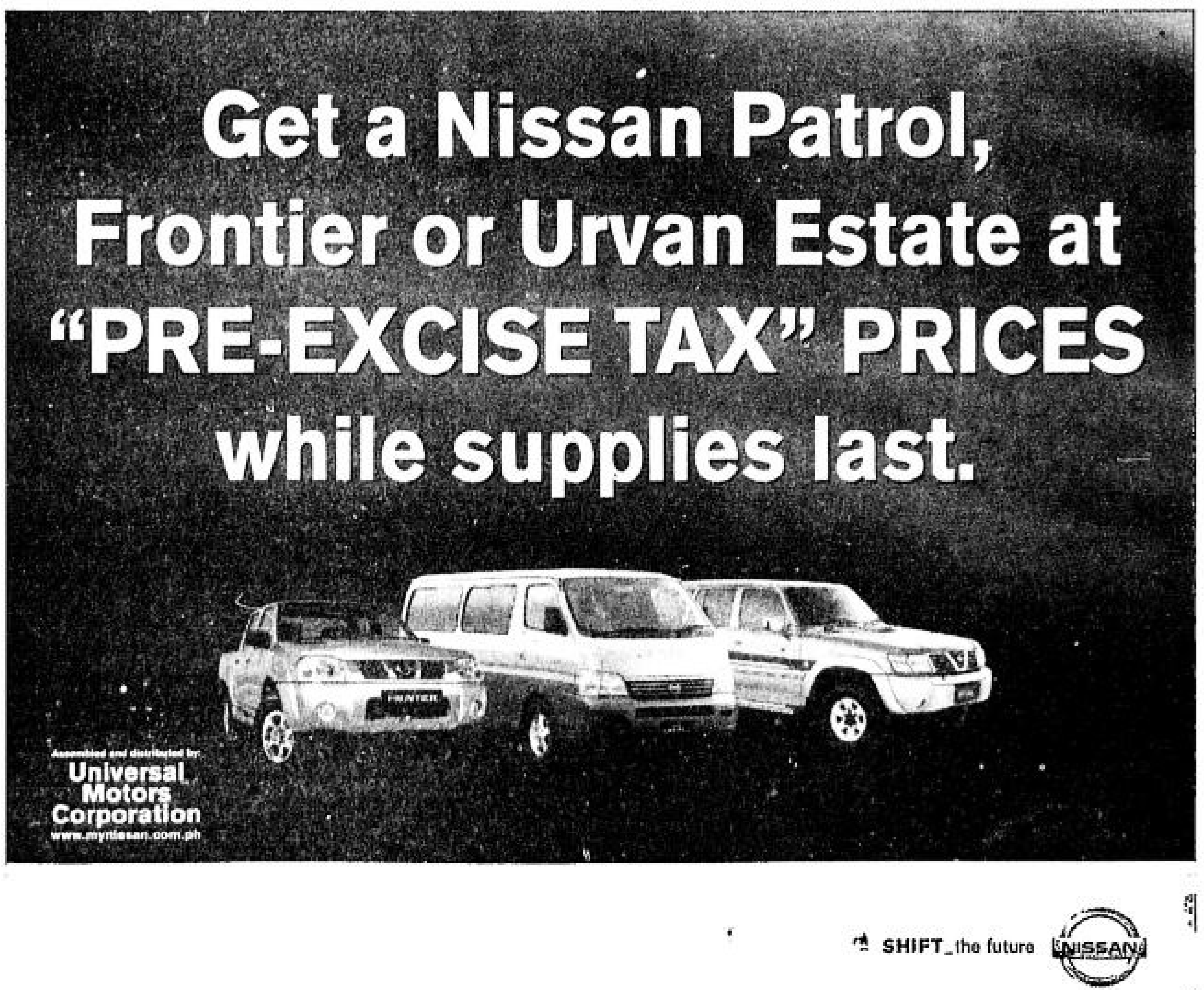

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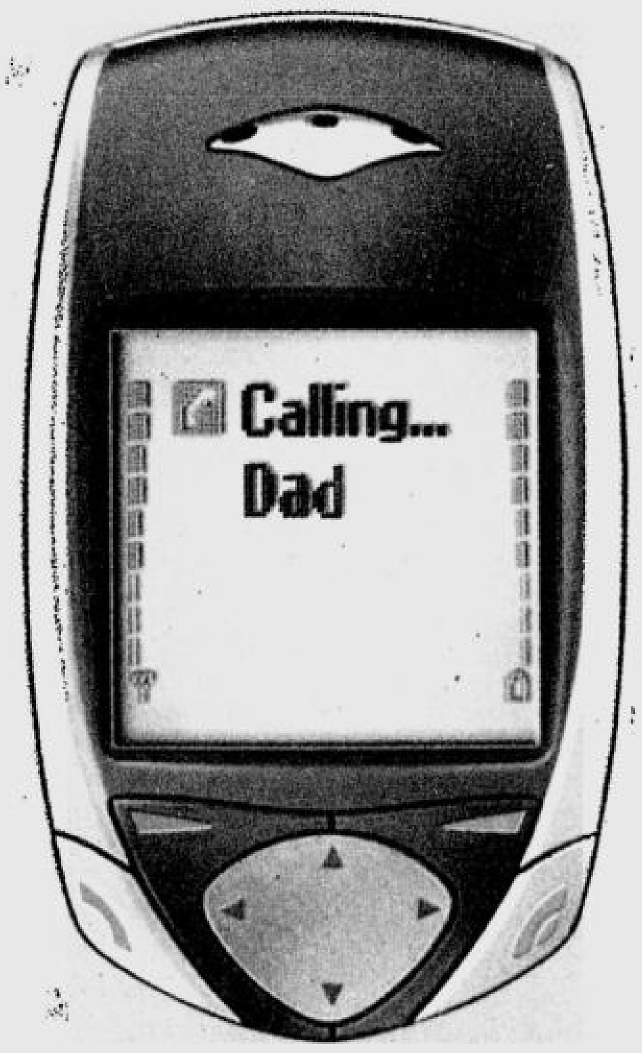

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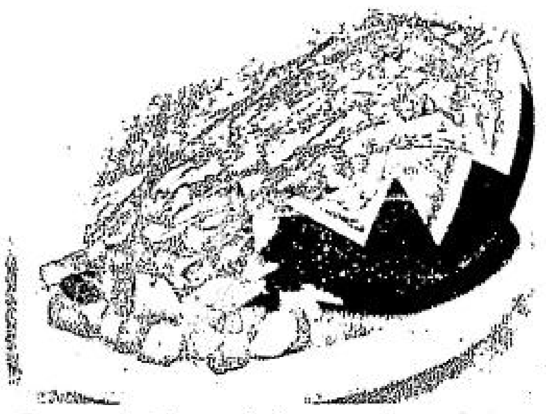

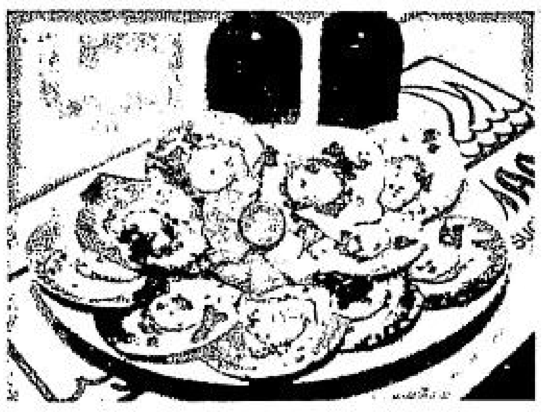

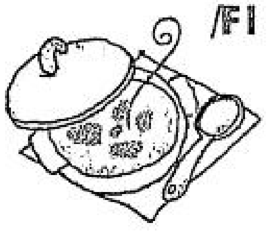

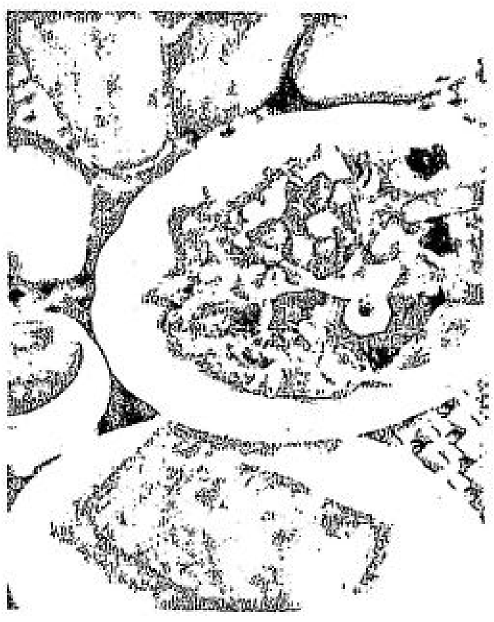

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**DARIO** Gardini of Caffe Caruso and JP Santamarina of Premier Wine and Spirits

**BILL** Stelton of the Italianni's Group of Companies

# F&B execs enjoy Tuscan feast

**RISERVA** Ducale Gold 1997, Ruffino's most popular premium wine, is paired with Polpo ha del Buongusaio (Octopus in Rich Tomato Sauce).

THE HOUSE of Ruffino Wines, one of the leaders in the production of fine Tuscan wines, shared recently some of its best products in a dinner with restaurant owners and wine enthusiasts.

The wines were especially flown in by Alan Wong, Ruffino's Asia Pacific director.

Chef Moreno Mattei of Chianti Restaurant created a menu reminiscent of a typical Tuscan feast to complement the wines.

Started in 1877, the vineyard received a Gold Medal in Milan in 1881, a top award in Nice in 1884 and a much coveted Gold Medal at Bordeaux in 1895.

Since 1913, Ruffino has been owned by the Folonari family. Spread over nine estates, Ruffino properties total over 5,000 acres with about 600 acres under vine.

The La Solatia Chardonnay 1999 opened the authentic Tuscan dinner. With full, velvety texture and an aromatic nose filled with honey and tropical fruits, the chardonnay accompanied the Antipasto consisting of Parma Ham, Mozzarella e tomato and Polpo ha del Buongusaio (Parma Ham and Mozzarella and Octopus in Rich Tomato Sauce).

The Bruschette Miste was then served with the Riserva Ducale Gold 1997, Ruffino's most popular premium wine. The 1997 vintage is considered by wine experts as the best vintage year in the Chianti Classico region.

A combination of two pasta dishes, Fettuccine al Nero di Seppia del Pescatore (Black Ink Sauce) and Papaedelle ala Cacciatora (Pasta with Wild Boar Tomato Sauce), was accompanied by the rich and complex Nobile di Montepulciano wine, the Lodola Nuova 1999.

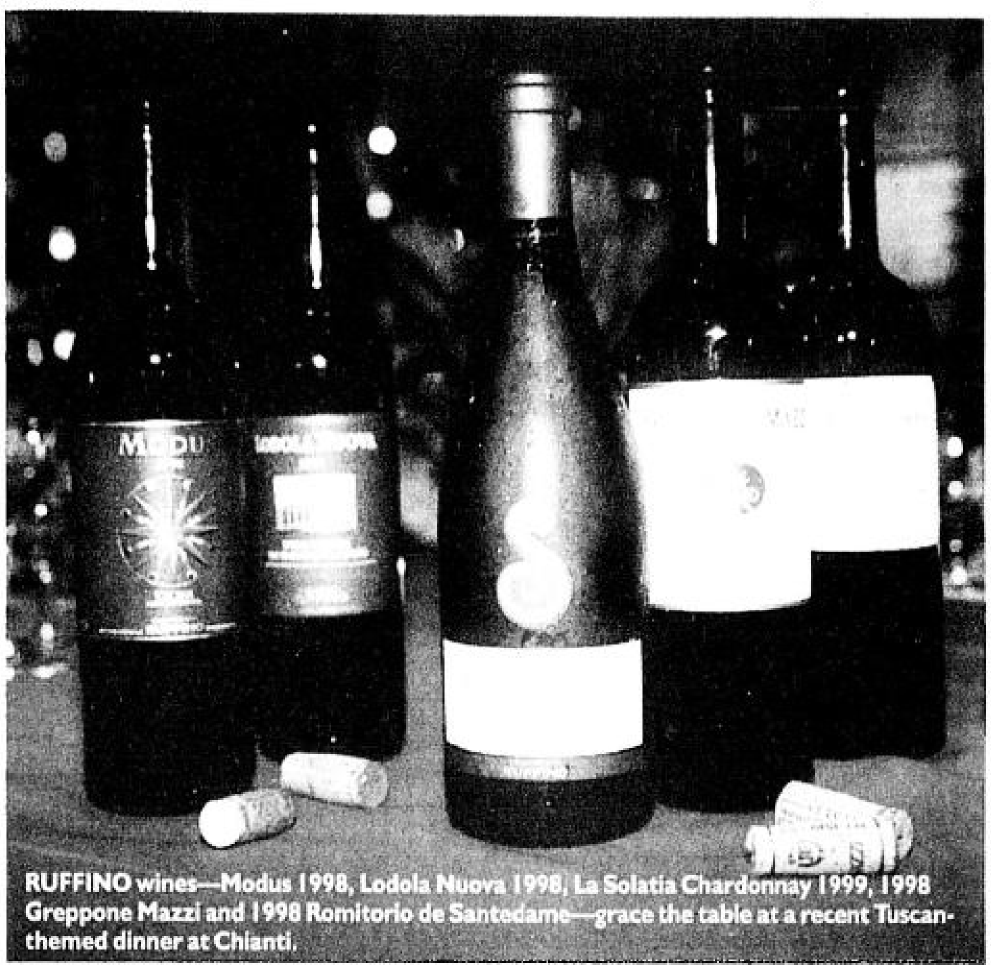
.The second course, Bistecca ala Fiorentina Spinachi, Funghi e Patate Arrosto (Grilled Beef with Spinach, Mushrooms and Potatoes) was paired with the Modus 1998 from the Poggio Casciano Estate. The wine is made of 50 percent Sangiovese, 25 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 25 percent Merlot. A Brunello di Montalcino wine made of 100 percent Sangiovese, the 1997 Greppone Mazzi, followed immediately. Aged in oak barrels for 36 months and cellar aged for another year, the wine was intense, filled with cherry and vanilla flavors, and an extremely long finish.

Before dessert was served, another red wine, a 1999 Romitorio de Santedame was served. An extremely unique wine made from an obscure but powerful Colorino grape and blended with Merlot, the wine has been getting rave reviews. Only 15,000 bottles were produced as of last vintage. The wine has deep intense color, beautiful bouquet that improves with every swirl, lovely harmonious taste and long luscious fruit finish.

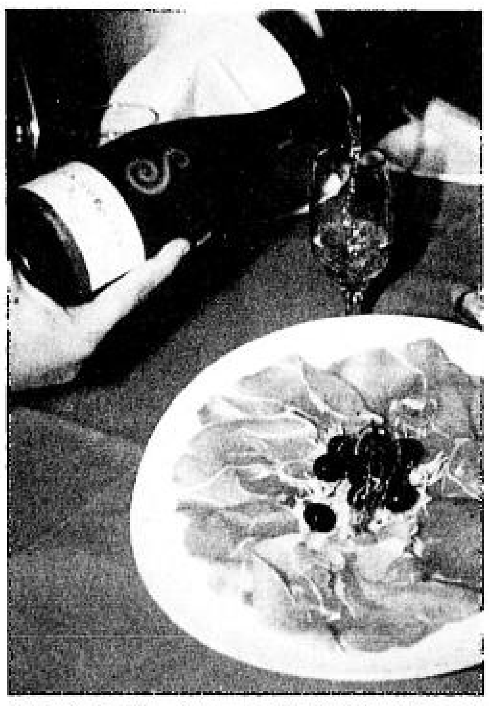
Among the dinner guests were Bill Stelton and Joe Velardi of the Italianni's Group of Companies, Paolo Nessi of Caffe Maestro, Dario Gardini of Caffe Caruso, Guiliano Ungaro of Paparazzi Restaurant of the Shangri-La Edsa, Edward Co and Ann Ortega of Blue Onion, Alberto Besa of Il Ponticello, Chad Davis of the InterContinental Manila, Kimmy Assad of D' Marks.

Premier Wine and Spirits distributes Ruffino wines in the Philippines.

**CHEF** Moreno Mattei of Chianti Restaurant whips up a gastronomic Tuscan-inspired feast specially selected to complement Ruffino wines.



**RUFFINO** wines—Modus 1998, Lodola Nuova 1998, La Solatia Chardonnay 1999, 1998 Greppone Mazzi and 1998 Romitorio de Santedame—grace the table at a recent Tuscan-themed dinner at Chianti.



**LA** Solatia Chardonnay paired with antipasto Parma ham.

**ALAN** Wong, Ruffino's Asia-Pacific director

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# *Fine wines from Chile*

THIS month, the Manila Pavilion Hotel offers Terra Andina Chardonnay and Terra Andina Cabernet Sauvignon, spectacular wines from Chile.

The Terra Andina range is comprised of four single wines each made from classic French grape varieties, the Semillon, Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Having carefully selected the best wine-producing regions and the best wine producers in Chile, Terra Andina has developed a strategy of long-term partnerships with different wineries in order to control grape selection and to ensure the highest possible standard of winemaking.

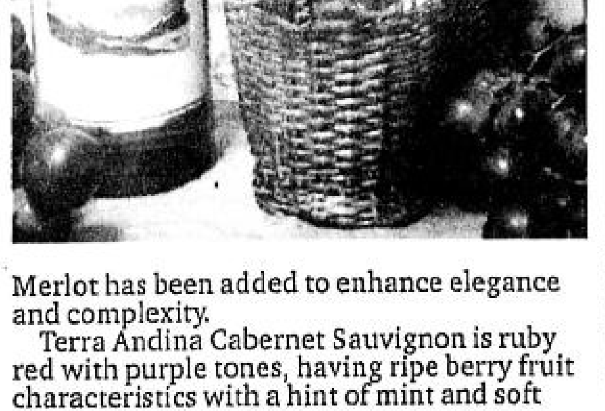
With its Mediterranean climate of warm days and cool nights, excellent soil and beautiful sheltered valleys, Chile is without doubt the perfect location for winemaking.

Terra Andina Chardonnay is characterized by having great finesse and balance. The fruit is selected from premium vineyards in the Maipo Valley and Bio-Bio region as well as from the internationally famed Casablanca Valley, which benefits from the cooling coastal influence of the Humbolt current.

Terra Andina Chardonnay is medium green/gold, with a peachy fruit aroma enhanced by a smokey complexity. The palate is fruity with good structure and a long rich finish.

Terra Andina Cabernet Sauvignon strikes a perfect balance between good structure, well-rounded tannins, berry fruit flavors and complexity.

This perfect balance is achieved by sourcing fruit from different regions: grapes from Colchagua and Maipo add structure and soft tannins while those from Rancagua and Bio-Bio add fruit character. A small percentage of Merlot has been added to enhance elegance and complexity.



Terra Andina Cabernet Sauvignon is ruby red with purple tones, having ripe berry fruit characteristics with a hint of mint and soft complex finish.

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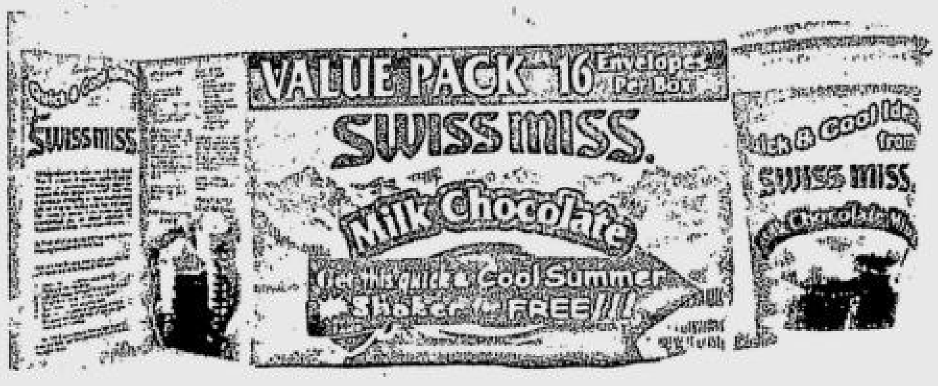

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# What to serve for breakfast? Take a class

THE REGGIE Aspiras School Of Culinary Arts offers the following classes for this week and the next:

June 13 (Friday)—Gourmet Breakfast "Special Class": over 14 breakfast recipes. if you don't know what to serve for breakfast, this is the course for you. Pancake and Waffle Buffet (6 variations) with All New Homemade Syrups and Fruit Sauces. Breakfast Steaks and Sausages, Egg Variations–omelettes and Scrambled Eggs Gourmet Style, Breakfast Casserole and Fruit Juices. (P2000+ingredients ).

June 16 (Monday)—Delicious Pasta: Salmon and Caviar, Curry Seafood, Sausage Ragu, with Mozarella and Sun-dried Tomatoes, Creamed Garlic Mushrooms and Prosciutto, with Garlic Shrimp And Capersand

June 18 ( Wednesday)—Morning Class: Spanish 101–Lentejas, Cocido Madrileño De Lujo, Callos, Lengua, Bacalao Vizcaina, Canonigo; Afternoon Class: Angus Steak and Side Dishes–Skillet Steaks with Corn Relish and Fried Mushrooms, Cuban Style Angus Steak Strips with Rice and Fried Bananas, Espresso Crust Steaks with Grilled Tomato Rice, Grilled Steaks with Herbed Butter and Vegetable Charlotte, Grilled Rib-eye Steaks with Corn on the Cob and Vegetable Casserole

June 20 ( Friday )—French 101: Lentil Salad, French Onion Soup, Duck A L'orange, Boeuf Bourguignon, Coq Au Vin, Crème Brûlée

# LPG maker treats loyal customers

LOYAL customers were treated to dinner by Shellane Hatid Bahay at the Westin Philippine Plaza to celebrate four years of leadership in the LPG home delivery market.

Highlight of the event was a cooking exhibition by Master Chef Rico de Leon, formerly of Marriot Hotel New York, who prepared a four-course meal for the guests.

Former Shell Turbo Charger and television star Benjie Paras also graced the occasion, as well as Shellane Hatid Bahay corporate partners like Customer Contact Center (C-Cube) and Rustan's marketing. The Shellane management team and other Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation executives were also present.

# Easy steps for keeping the fridge in A-1 condition

GLAD, the leading brand of kitchen wraps and bags, offers five easy steps to keep the fridge in tiptop shape.

**Focus.** Set a date for cleaning the fridge. Don't schedule it when there are items that have to remain in the refrigerator.

**Remove.** Unplug the fridge before you start cleaning. Remove the magnets, pictures and Post-its on the refrigerator door. Never use a sharp instrument to remove freezer ice as this could damage your appliance. Take out all the food, ice trays and condiment bottles. Remove the shelves and drawers so you could wash them thoroughly. Dust or vacuum the back coils.

**Examine.** Inspect each food item you remove from the fridge. Are there leftovers that are over three weeks old? Is an empty bottle of cheese spread still in the shelf as well as a two-year-old marmalade jar? Is the Thousand Island salad dressing untouched? This will give you a clue to your family's eating habits so you know what to buy and what not to buy when you go to the grocery.

**Store.** Organize your fridge and keep food items fresh longer by putting them in separate Glad Zipper Storage Bags. The bags have a yellow-and-blue-make-green seal that indicates that it is shut tight to maintain the freshness and crispness of vegetables and fruits.

The transparent Glad Zipper Storage Bags let you see what's inside, eliminating guesswork. To keep order in the freezer and avoid cross-contamination, use thick, high-grade Glad Zipper Freezer Bags. With a write-on strip for easy identification, Glad Zipper Freezer Bags help keep leftovers, meat, seafood and poultry fresh longer.

After cleaning, position the fridge in a cool, dry room away from direct sunlight and "hot" appliances like the oven and stove. Leave room (about two inches at least) on the sides and back so the fridge could "breathe" properly.

**Habit.** A well-tended appliance will serve you well and longer so make it a habit to clean your fridge regularly. Make sure to always keep the fridge germ-free and in good condition as it is where you keep vegetables, fruits, meats and other foodstuffs that end up on your family dinner table.

# Learn about food business

THE MAYA Kitchen is holding classes this June for people wanting to get into the food business. The classes can help those wanting to become a restaurateur, chef or caterer.

Also being offered is a course on Bakery and Bakeshop Operations. It will cover commercial methods used in preparing breads, pies, and cakes, as well as costing and production batching, with hands-on activities.

For the schedule of courses, visit the Maya Kitchen Tuesday to Saturday at the 8th Floor, Liberty Bldg., A. Arnaiz Avenue, formerly Pasay Road, Makati City or call 892-1185 or 892-5011 local 108 or e-mail *mayakitchen@pacific.net.ph*.

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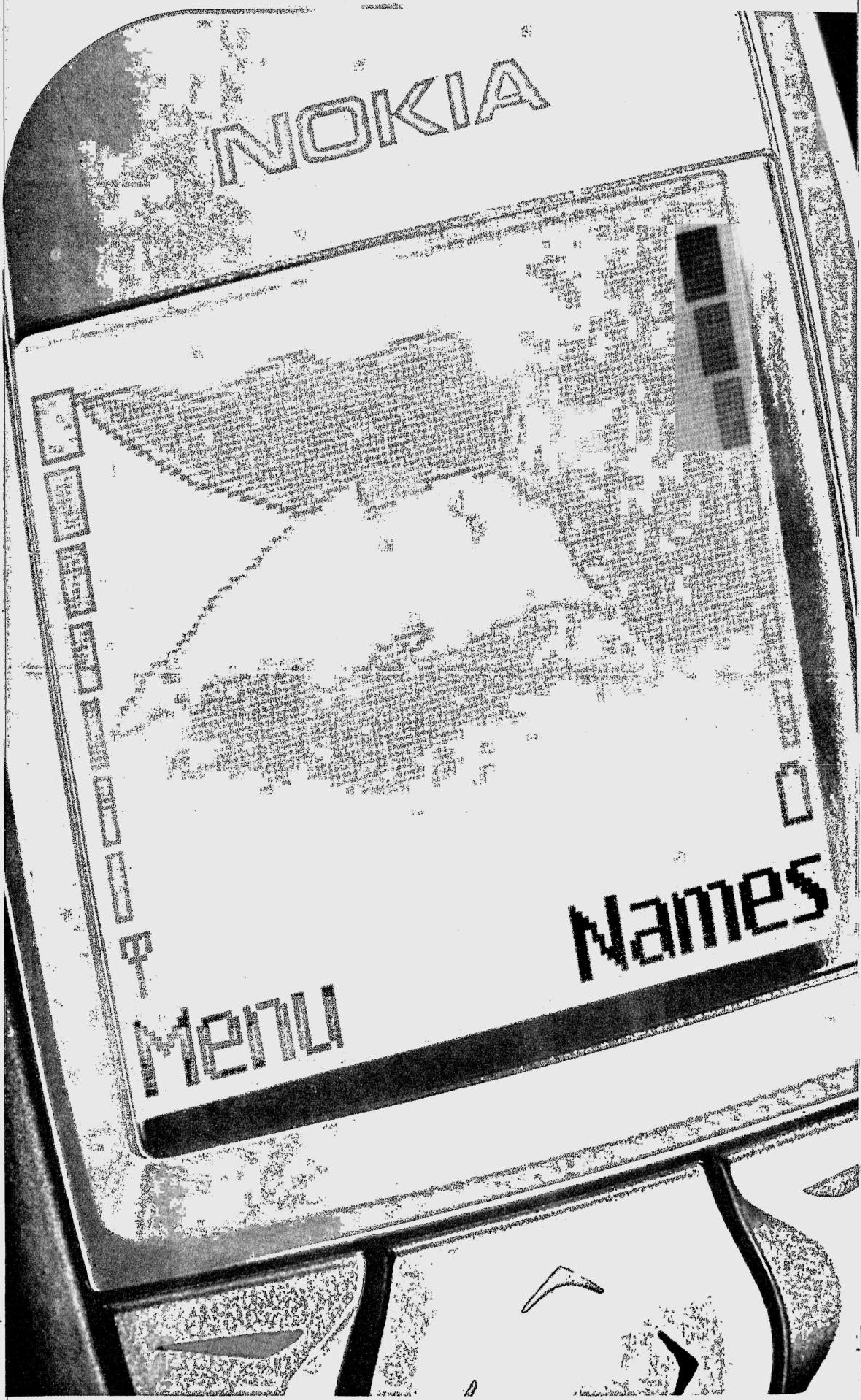
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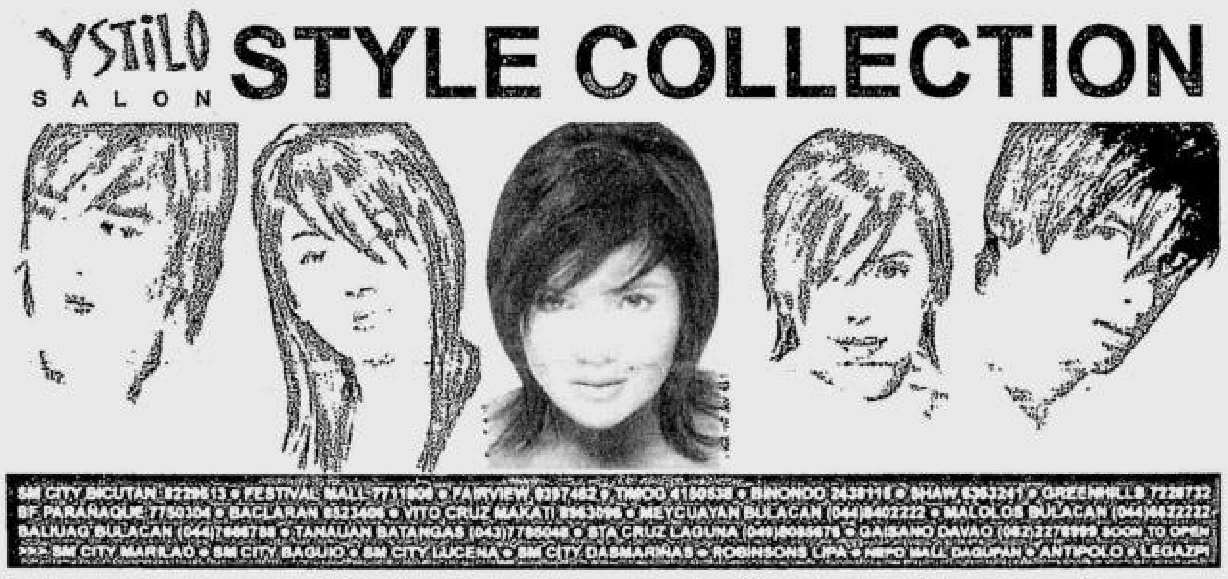
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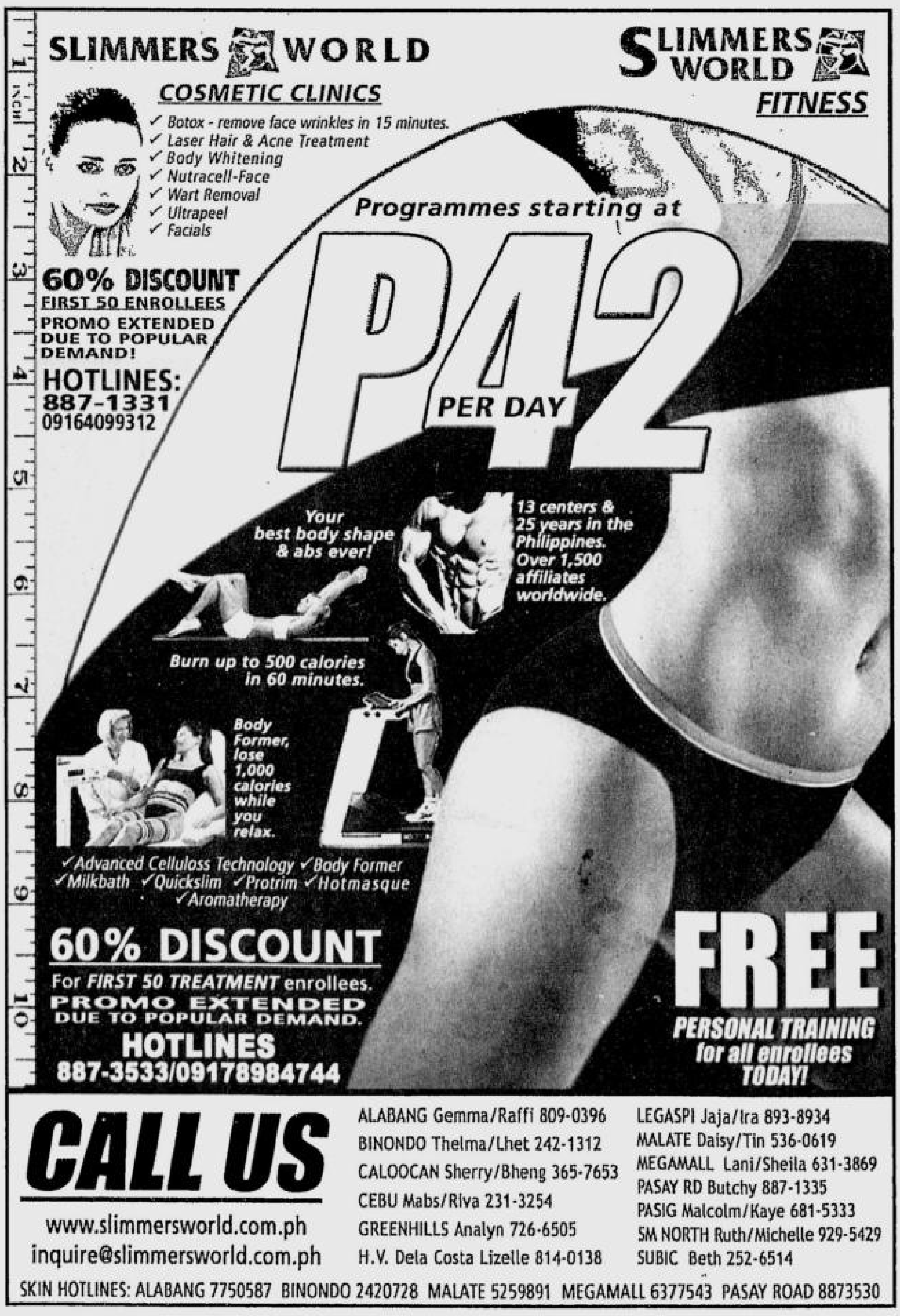
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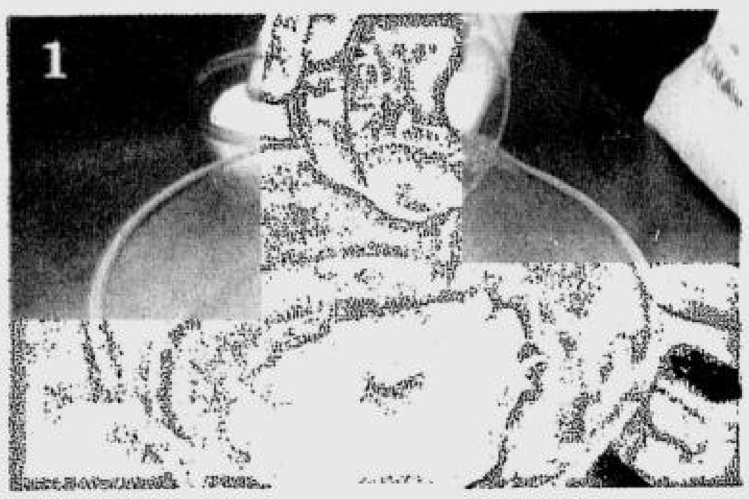
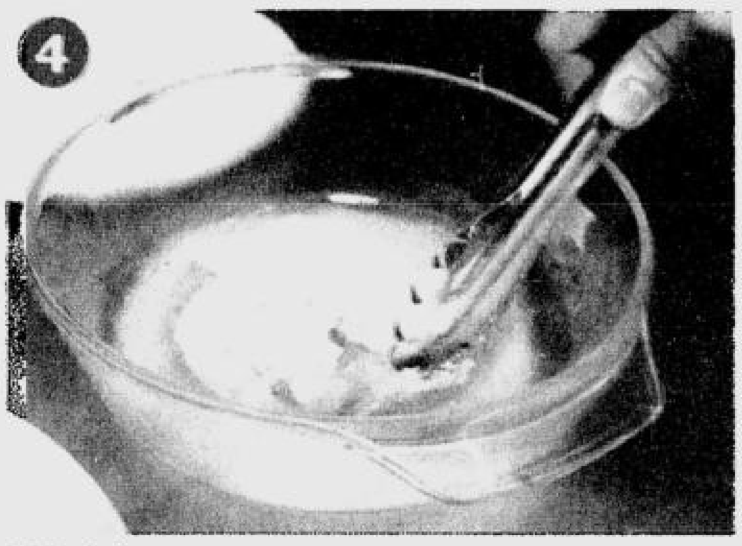
# A recipe easy enough even for non-cooking dads



**IN** a bowl, marinate chicken breast in *calamansi* juice for a few minutes.

**SEASON** with salt and pepper.

**DREDGE** in flour.



**DIP** in the beaten eggs.

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DADDIES wanting to impress their loved ones with their culinary savvy may want to try their hand at preparing tonkatsu.

A popular dish in Japanese restaurants around the world, tonkatsu is fairly easy to make. It also doesn't require special ingredients as it consists basically of meat and breadcrumbs. Tonkatsu is deep-fried pork cutlet rolled in breadcrumbs. Chicken meat may be substituted for pork if you would rather not eat red meat. Breadcrumbs give the meat a nice, solid bite when they become crispy.

According to Imee Borres, demonstrator and kitchen researcher of The Maya Kitchen Culinary Arts Center (tel. 892-5011 loc. 108), chicken breasts should not be cooked too long—just about three minutes on each side. Deep frying should not be overdone as it leaves a heavy oily aftertaste. The chicken should be lightly deep/pan fried to create a crispy outside breaded layer and a tender, meaty interior.

Drain the chicken on paper towels and serve with a bowl of rice and tonkatsu sauce, which is available in selected supermarkets. The sauce has a nice tangy taste that goes great with the chicken. If tonkatsu sauce is not available, mix any steak or Worcester sauce with some ketchup.

For garnish, serve tonkatsu on a plate with lots of thinly sliced cabbage. It's important to soak cabbage slices in cold water and drain well before serving. Tossed salad also goes well with this dish.

**Ingredients:**
4 chicken breasts, deboned
2 tbsp *calamansi* juice
salt and pepper to taste
Gold Cake Flour for dredging
2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 c Japanese breadcrumbs
oil for deep frying

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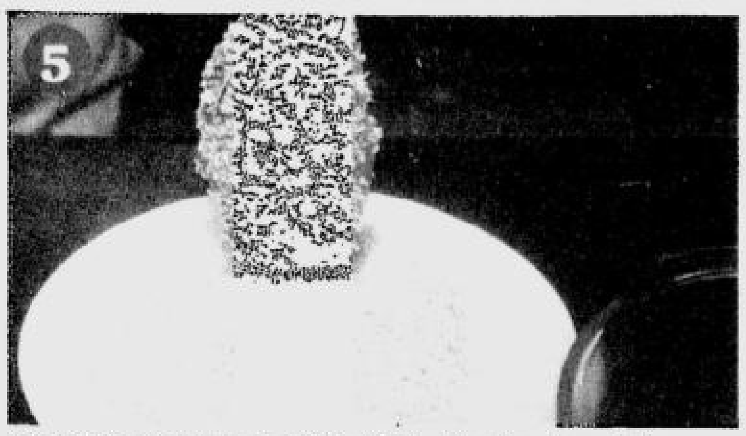
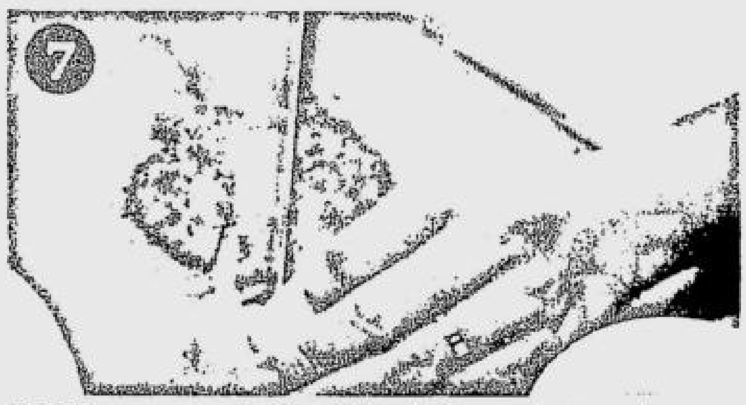
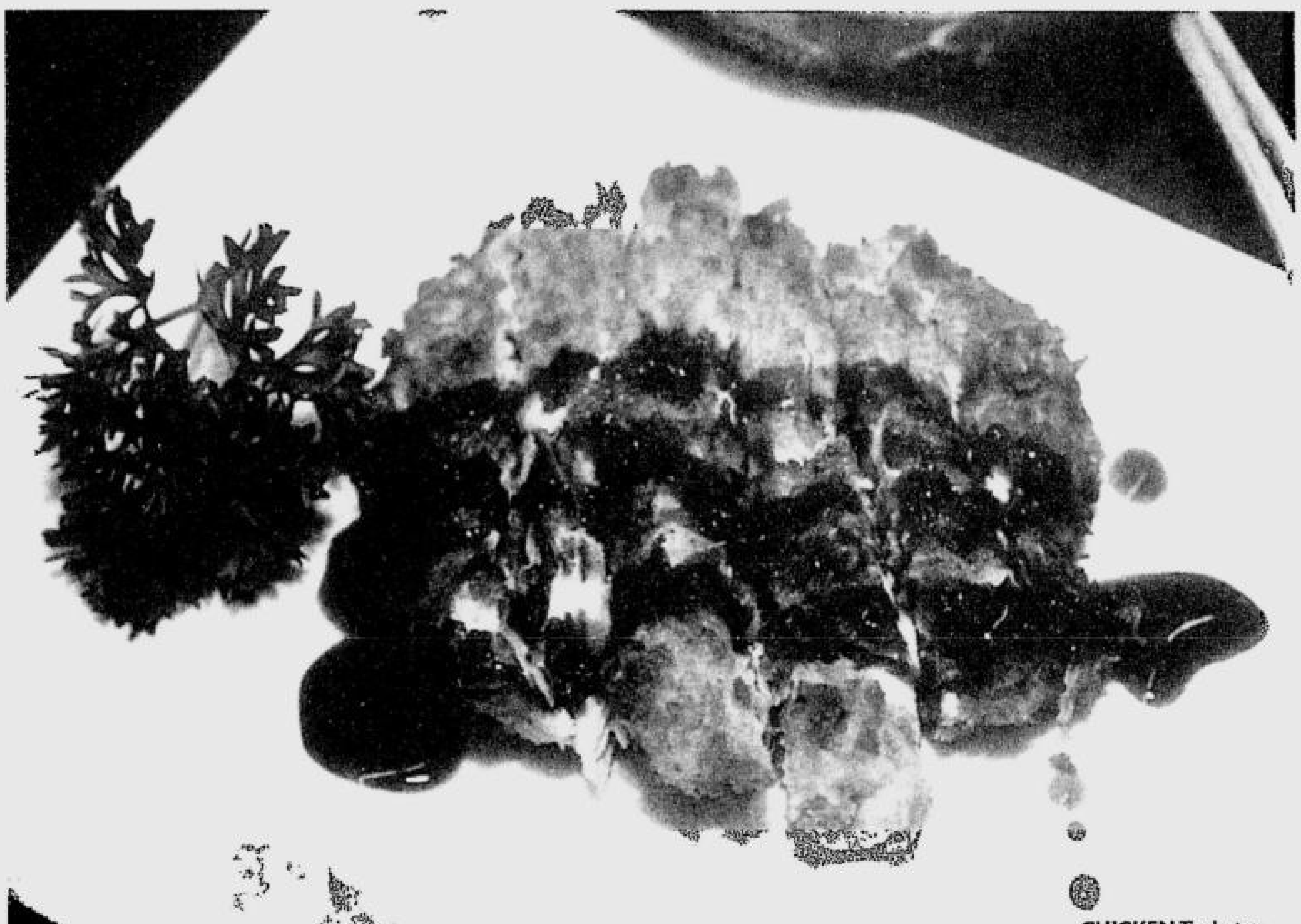


**COAT** with breadcrumbs. Chill briefly to allow breadcrumbs to adhere to the egg.

**HEAT** oil in a pan and deep-fry chicken until golden brown.



**DRAIN** on paper towels. Slice chicken halfway to the top and serve hot.



**CHICKEN** Tonkatsu

# Cook your homebody Pops a delicious meal

START the man of the house off with these delicious recipes courtesy of Burgoo Restaurant.

## Stuffed Pork Chops

2 pcs butterflied pork chops
100 g sliced zucchini, grilled
100 g asparagus, blanched
**Apple stuffing:**
2 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp garlic, minced
50 g red onion, chopped
50 g celery, chopped
**Basting sauce:**
1 c honey
50 g red onion, chopped
50 g garlic, chopped

Stuff pork chops with apple stuffing. To make apple stuffing, heat oil in a pan, saute garlic till light brown and onion till translucent. Add celery, apples and walnuts. Stir to cook.

Place the chops in greased baking pan and bake for five minutes on each side. Remove.

Prepare the basting sauce by mixing honey, chopped red onion and chopped garlic in a pan then simmer.

Baste the chops and grill on both sides to achieve marks. Baste again and serve with grilled zucchini and blanched asparagus.

## Fisherman's Platter

200 g shrimps, peeled tail-on
200 g fish fillet, strips
1 tsp salt
**Beer batter:**
120 g flour
¼ c water
1 c beer
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
**Baked mussels:**
6 pcs mussels, half shell
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
6 tbsp mozzarella, shredded
3 tsp Parmesan cheese, grated
**Tartar sauce:**
½ c mayonnaise
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
2 tbsp pickles, relish

Prepare the beer batter by dissolving flour in water while stirring continuously. Add beer and stir until all flour is dissolved. Season with salt and pepper.

Dip shrimps and fish fillet into the beer batter until totally covered. Drop battered shrimps and fish in frying pan, one at a time. Remove when golden brown. Garnish with salt and pepper.

To prepare baked mussels: Season mussels with salt and pepper, cover with shredded mozzarella, sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake for eight minutes at 350°F or until golden brown.

Arrange cooked shrimps and fish in a plate and baked mussels in between them. Serve with tartar sauce and lime wedges.

**EXTRA-JUICY** Sirloin Steaks

The two following recipes are made even more enjoyable with HP Barbecue Sauce and Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce, both quality products from HP Food Ltd. of the United Kingdom.

## Extra-Juicy Sirloin Steaks

½ kg beef sirloin, sliced
2 tbsp Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
3 tbsp HP Barbecue Sauce
1 ½ tsp brown sugar
1 tsp mustard
¼ c soda water
salt and pepper to taste
oil for frying

Marinate beef in Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce, HP Barbecue Sauce, brown sugar, mustard, soda water, salt and pepper for at least 20 minutes.

In a frying pan, heat a little oil over high heat, fry meat pieces just until done. Serve immediately with garlic rice.

## Quail Adobo

(*Chef Nancy Reyes-Lumen*)
1 kg quail
¼ kg chicken liver, fresh, trimmed and cleaned
1 dozen quail eggs, hard boiled, peeled
3-4 pcs red bell peppers, trimmed, big slices
3-4 pcs green bell peppers, trimmed, big slices
3-4 pcs yellow bell peppers, trimmed, big slices
Adobo marinade:
½ c Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
½ c soy sauce
½ c vinegar
½ c water
¼ c rice wine
1 c oyster sauce
2 tsp coarse salt
2 tsp peppercorn, freshly ground
1 bay leaf, crushed
1 head garlic, minced

Combine all the ingredients for the *adobo* marinade except garlic. Set aside 1 cup for the quail eggs and the vegetables.

In separate bowls, marinate chicken livers and quails for about three hours in the refrigerator. Marinate the quail eggs and vegetables separately for about 30 minutes. In the last 30 minutes, add garlic to the chicken liver and quail.

Boil chicken livers and quail until done. Strain sauce and set aside. Do the same with the eggs and vegetables.

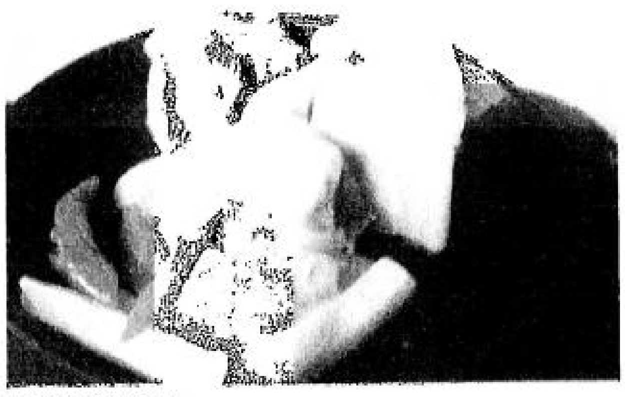
Heat enough oil to fry the chicken livers and quail until crispy. Strain well. Simmer the strained *adobo* sauce and thicken with a mixture of 2 tbsp butter and 1 tbsp flour.

Knead butter and flour with your fingers and gradually add in small drops at a time to the *adobo* sauce. Continue adding until you have reached the desired thickness of consistency.

Arrange the quail eggs and vegetables in the center of the platter. Surround with chicken livers and quail. You can also stuff the chicken livers in the quails.

Pour sauce all over. Serve with garlic rice or buttered toast.

SIZZLING Bangus



SIZZLING Bulalo

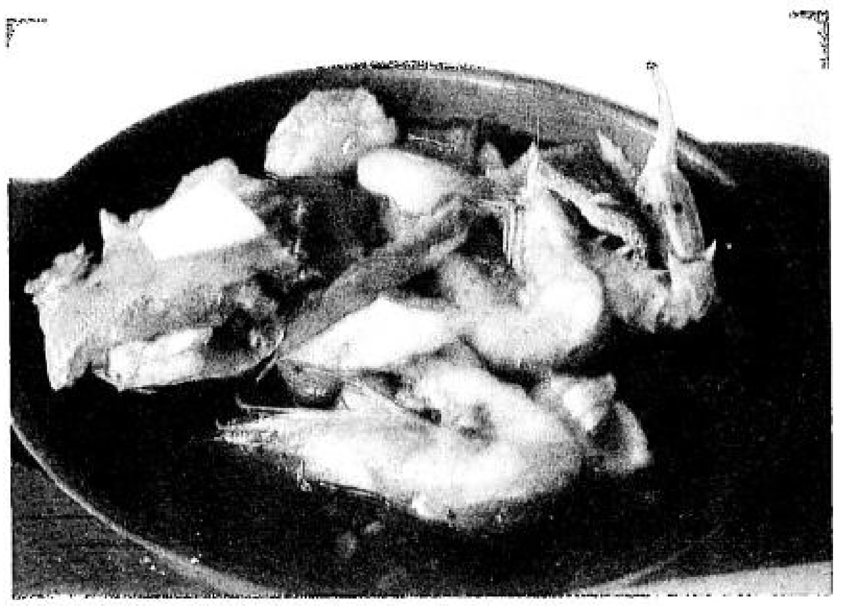
# Sizzlers for Dad's Day

CABALEN has prepared a new buffet spread for June.

For its P249 eat-all-you-can, eat-all-you-want (VAT inclusive, no service charge) offer, Cabalen's June buffet with over 50 dishes, including *lechon* served daily, has Sizzling Bulalo, Sizzling Spicy Seafood, Sizzling Squid, Sizzling Bangus Belly, Sizzling Salmon Belly and Sizzling Shrimp with Mushroom.

On Father's Day, every dad who dines for a minimum of P500 gets a discount coupon, which he can claim on his next visit. The coupon is valid up to July 30.

Cabalen restaurant's 10 branches are on West Avenue, QC; Katipunan Avenue, QC; SM Megamall, Mandaluyong; SM City Manila; SM City North Edsa, QC; Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati City; Robinsons Place Ermita Manila; Robinsons Starmills Pampanga; Brick Road, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall; and Harrison Plaza Village Square Manila.



SIZZLING Spicy Seafood

## Sizzling Spicy Seafood

½ pc crab, boiled, half-sliced
2 pc *pusit inihaw*, sliced 2" x 1"
2 pc *hipon puti*
2 pc *maya-maya*, cubed, fried
10 g garlic minced
10 g white onion, quartered
10 g red bell pepper, seedless, cubed
10 g green bell pepper, seedless, cubed
1 stalk of celery
1 pc medium-size tomato
1/3 c Sizzling Pusit Sauce
5 g butter

Wash crabs, boil. Slice into halves, separating large claws. Set aside. Wash squid, remove ink bag, quill and skin. Slice approximately into 2" x 1" pieces. Wash and slice at the back the *hipon puti*. Wash and slice the *maya-maya* and fillet into cubes of 1" x 1". Add a pinch of salt and *vetsin* (optional). Coat with flour and fry until slightly brown. Wash, discard seeds and slice red and green bell pepper into 1" cubes. Wash and slice thinly the celery then set aside. Wash and slice onion leeks 1½ " long. Peel and quarter white onion. Wash and slice *sili*. Wash tomato and slice lengthwise, then set aside. Peel, crush and mince garlic.

Sauté garlic in 1 tbsp butter. Add onion white, celery and tomato. Stir. Add crabs and *hipon puti*. Stir. Add ½ cup sauce. Stir.

Add bell pepper and onion leeks. Add *maya-maya*. Remove from fire.

**Sizzling procedure:**

Heat sizzling plate. Melt 5 g butter. Pour sauteed mixed seafoods. Stir. Serve sizzling spicy seafoods.

## Sizzling Bangus Belly Steak

2 slices *tiyan ng bangus*, sliced 3" x 1½"
1 pinch salt
1 pinch ground black pepper
¼ tsp Knorr seasoning
¼ tsp Lea and Perrins
¼ tsp *calamansi*
1 tbsp flour
10 g butter
**Sauce:**
10 g butter
1/8 tsp Lea and Perrins
1/8 tsp Knorr seasoning
¼ tsp *calamansi* extract
1 pinch salt
**Toppings:**
10 g fried garlic, sliced thinly
10 g red bell pepper, cubed, fried
10 g green bell pepper, cubed, fried
10 g potato, strips, fried

Wash and slice *bangus*. Add salt, ground black pepper, Knorr seasoning, Lea and Perrins, *calamansi*. Sprinkle with 1 tbsp flour. In a wok, melt 10 g butter, slightly fry *bangus* and set aside. Slice garlic thinly then fry, set aside. Wash and discard seeds of red and green bell pepper, slice into cubes. Dip in heated oil, drain, set aside. Wash, peel and slice into strips the potato, deep fry and set aside.

**Sizzling procedure:**

In a heated sizzling plate, put fried *bangus* and top with red and green bell pepper, potato and fried garlic. Pour sauce. Serve.

## Sizzling Bulalo

75 g *bulalo laman*
100 g *buto-buto* (optional)
15 g potato strips, 2" long, fried
15 g carrot strips, 2" long, boiled
15 g Baguio beans, sliced, 2" long, boiled
½ c *bulalo* gravy

In a heated sizzling plate, put *bulalo*. Top with potato, carrots and Baguio beans. Pour ½ cup gravy. Serve sizzling.

**Sizzling *bulalo* gravy:**
25 g butter
25 g flour
3 tbsp cream of mushroom
1 tbsp evaporated milk
2 cups *bulalo* stock
½ pc (5.5 g) beef cubes
3/4 tsp Lea and Perrins
5 g cheese
1 pinch ground black pepper

In a wok, melt butter, add flour and stir. Add *bulalo* soup stock while stirring continuously. Add cream of mushroom, evaporated milk, beef cubes, Lea and Perrins. Add cheese, stir. Remove from fire.

Top of the heap.

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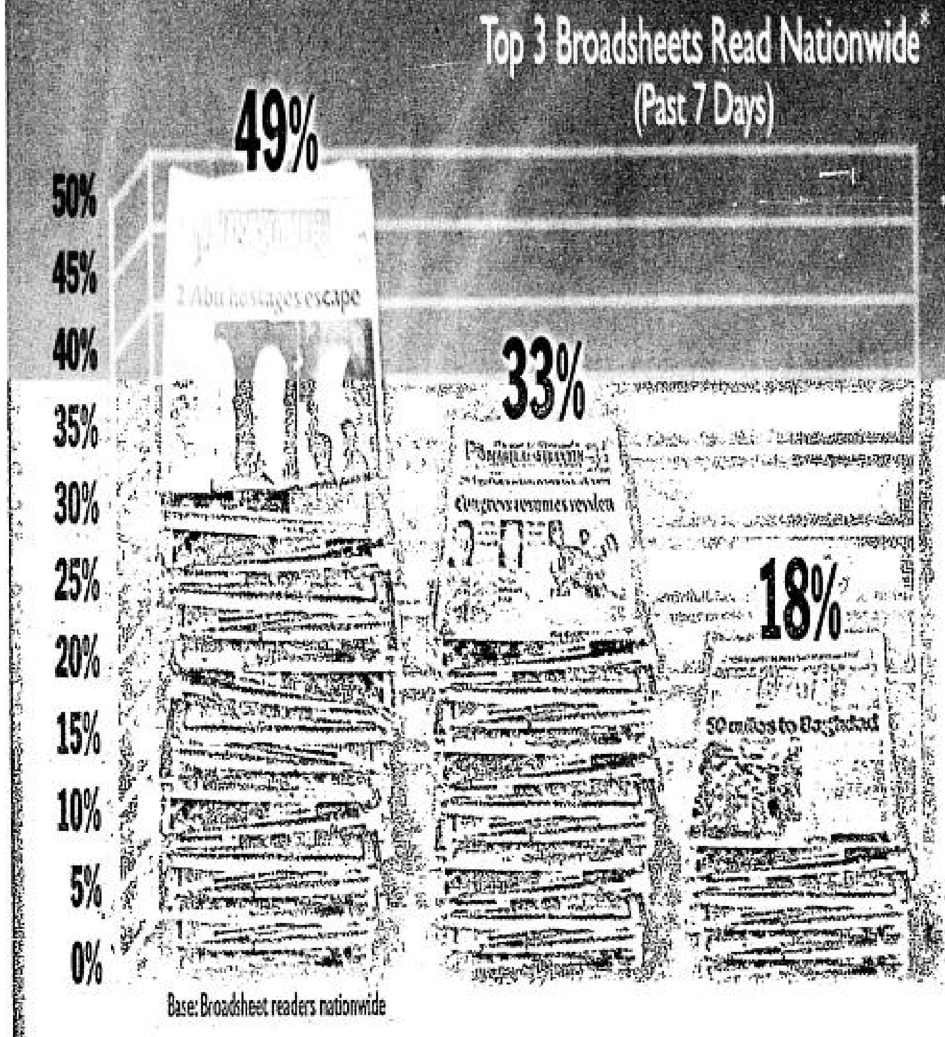

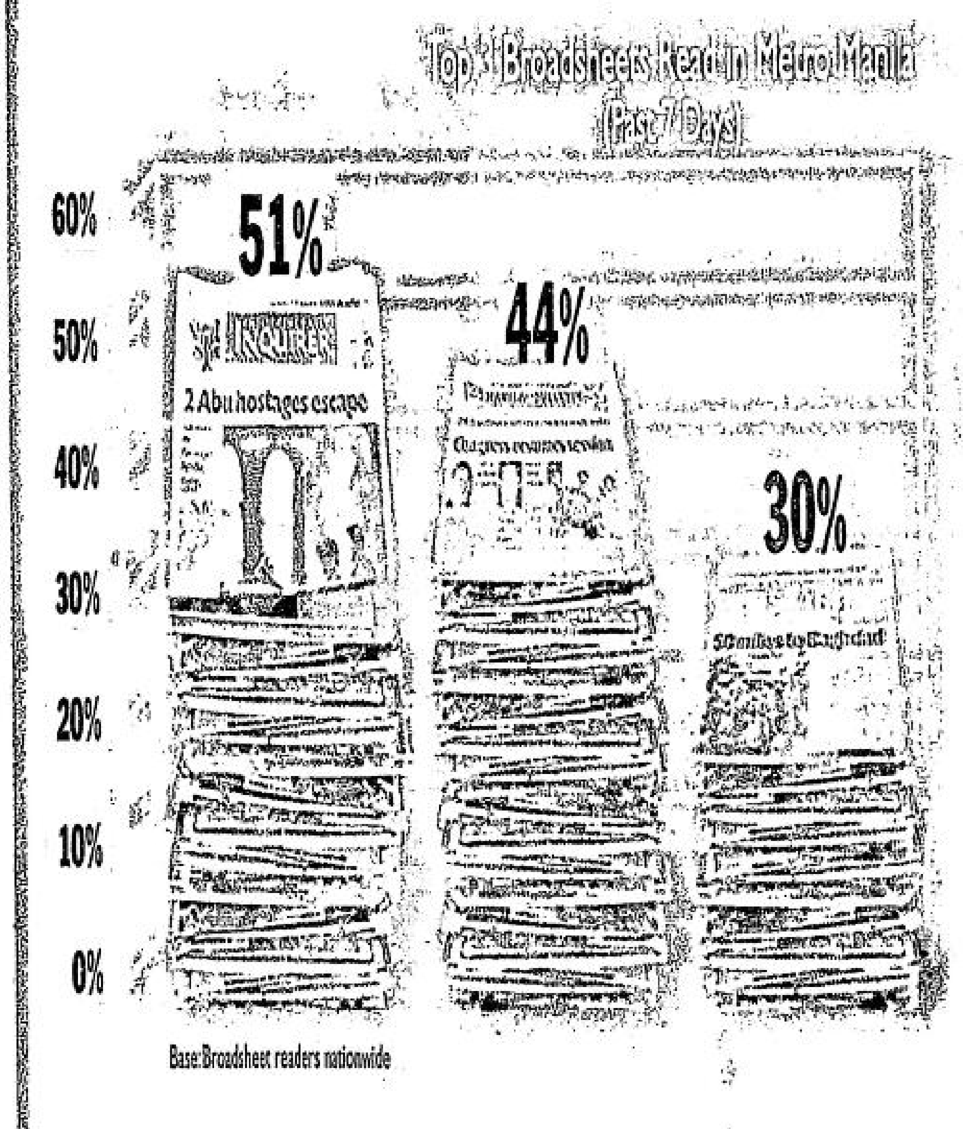

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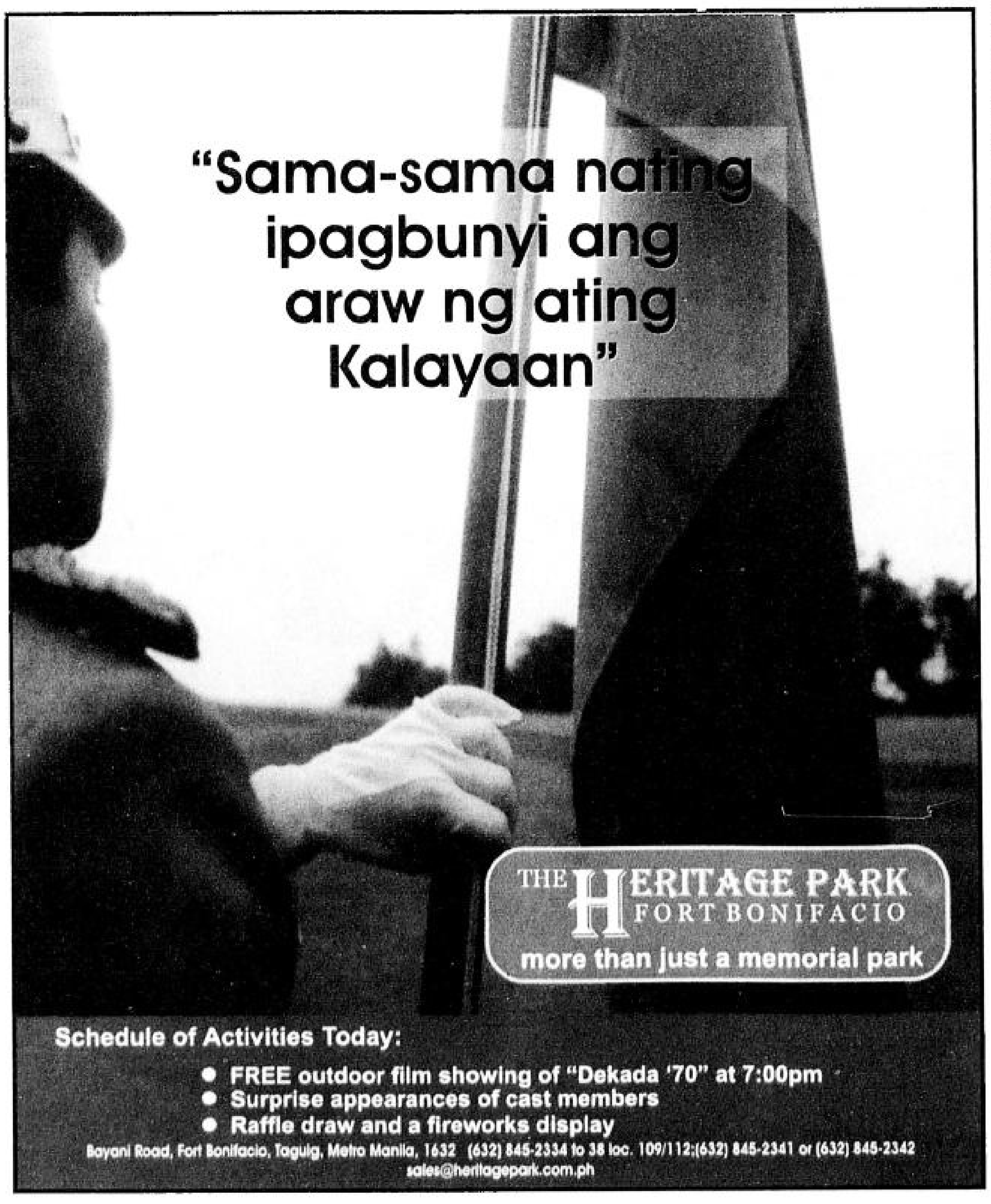
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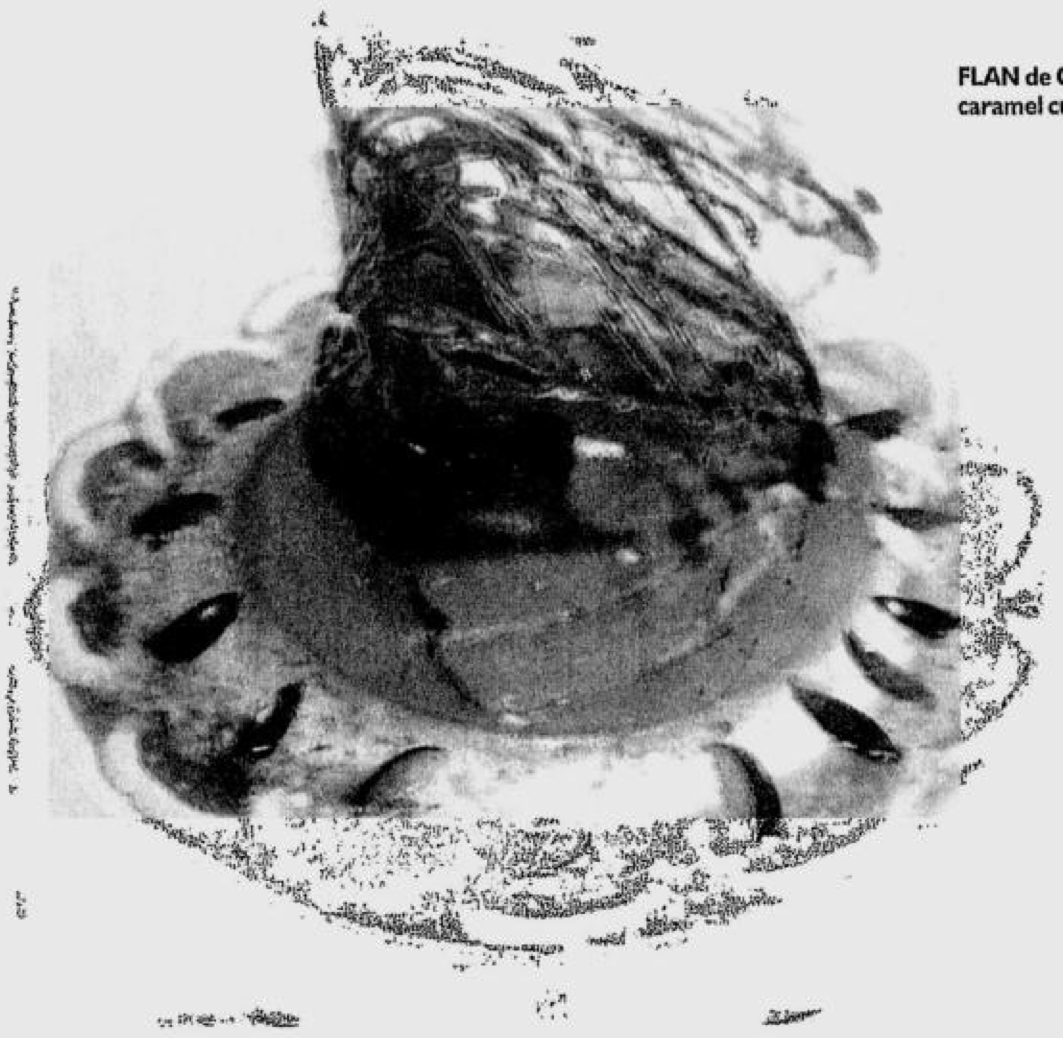

**FLAN** de Caramelo, caramel custard

**CHEF** George Linke recreates traditional Spanish dishes.

# Hasta la Vista!

## The Iberian style of leisurely dining is a perfect complement to the view at this Tagaytay hotel

**QUEZO** Manchego

**Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes**
**Photos by Betoy Johnson**

IN THIS country of frequent meals, we have enough familiarity with Spanish cuisine to know that a good Spanish meal is carefully prepared and eaten in leisurely fashion.

At the Café on the Ridge, the newly renovated Taal Vista Hotel's classy restaurant in Tagaytay, guests can now savor Spanish specialties while enjoying the breathtaking view of the Taal volcano. You can't get more leisurely and self-indulgent than that.

Taal Vista Hotel (formerly Taal Vista Lodge) was redeveloped by the SM Development Corp., a member of the Sy group of companies. The old Taal Vista Lodge was closed in 1998. It was refurbished last year and had a soft opening as Taal Vista Hotel in March. Taal Vista Hotel is now managed and operated by the international chain Barceló Hotels and Resorts.

### Dining pleasure

With Taal Vista's new look comes a special gastronomic treat for guests, particularly city-worn visitors who want to have a pleasurable repast in a very comfy atmosphere. "Café on the Ridge offers a perfect place for eating since it also has the best vantage point with regards to the Taal panorama," says Alex Groizard, general manager of Taal Vista Hotel.

Chef George Linke of the Barcelo group recreates Spanish traditional dishes, adding little twists here and there to give familiar recipes new dimensions in presentation and flavor. Says Chef Linke, "Besides meat, poultry, game and fish entrées, there is a wealth of dishes featuring beans, rice, eggs, vegetables and savory pies that make an ideal meal."

*Tapas* range from simple to complex and include cheese, fish, eggs, vegetables, dips, canapés and pastries. In fact, a plateful of different *tapas* can by itself make an excellent meal. Paellas, on the other hand, provide colorful and festive dishes for groups.

Chef Linke also prepares other popular Spanish foods, such as Tortilla de Patatas, the classic Spanish potato omelette. Bonquerones en Vinagre is fresh anchovies marinated in olive oil and vinegar garnished with minced garlic, onions and bell peppers. Gazpacho Andaluz is a cold tomato soup served with chopped bell peppers, cucumber, tomato and croutons. Pimientos Rellenos de Gambas are red bell peppers stuffed with shrimps in a creamy paprika sauce. Zarazuela de Mariscos is a seafood tomato stew of mussels, clams, prawns, squid and crabs, while Pollo al Azafran is braised chicken with honey and saffron with green olives, zucchini and shiitake mushrooms. Of course, not to be missed is the Paella Valenciana, Spain's most famous rice dish with saffron and paprika and topped with chicken, pork, squid, shrimps, clams, crabs, mussels and *chorizo*.

Desserts include Turon de Alicante (hard nougat tart), Flan de Caramelo (caramel custard) and Macedonia de Frutas al Brandy (fresh fruits with brandy).

On certain days, according to Chef Linke, Café on the Ridge will offer Asian and other European dishes as well.

The well-stocked bar makes the restaurant ideal for cocktails as the sun sets. Café on the Ridge's mood changes throughout the day. At daytime, it is more carefree and relaxed, but as the sun dips in the horizon, it becomes a dreamy place setting the mood for romance.

### Deluxe vacation place

Taal Vista has been a Tagaytay City landmark almost from the first time it opened. Guests enjoy the three-level hotel's comfortable and laid-back lifestyle. "There's the refreshing mountain air," says Groizard. "The peace and privacy of the place is perfect for weekend vacationers and retirees."

The new Taal Vista Hotel now has 72 guest rooms offering spectacular views of the verdant gardens, the volcano and lake. By the end of the year, it will have 150 rooms. Management will also add a spa, swimming pool, more restaurants and a ballroom in the next few months.

*Taal Vista Hotel is just a 90-minute leisure drive from Metro Manila.*

*Taal Vista Hotel's Manila Sales Office is at 4/F Adamson Center, 121 P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati, with tel. 867-1159.*

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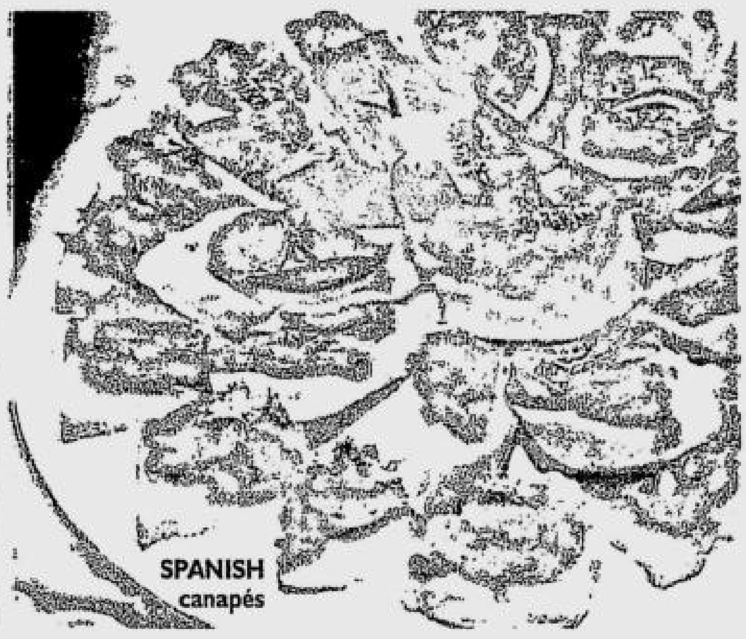
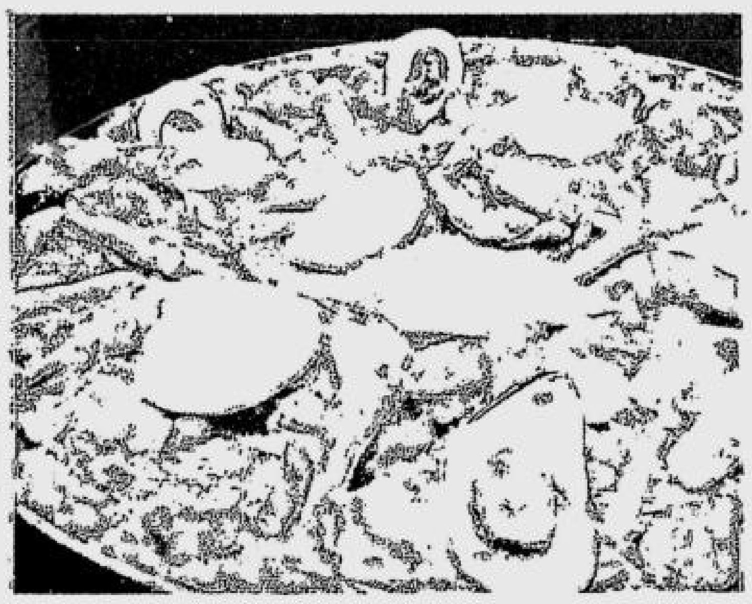
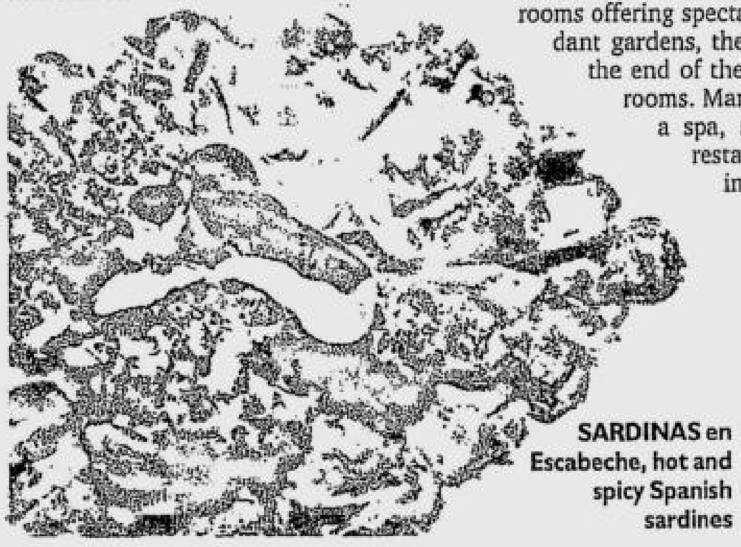


**SPANISH** canapés

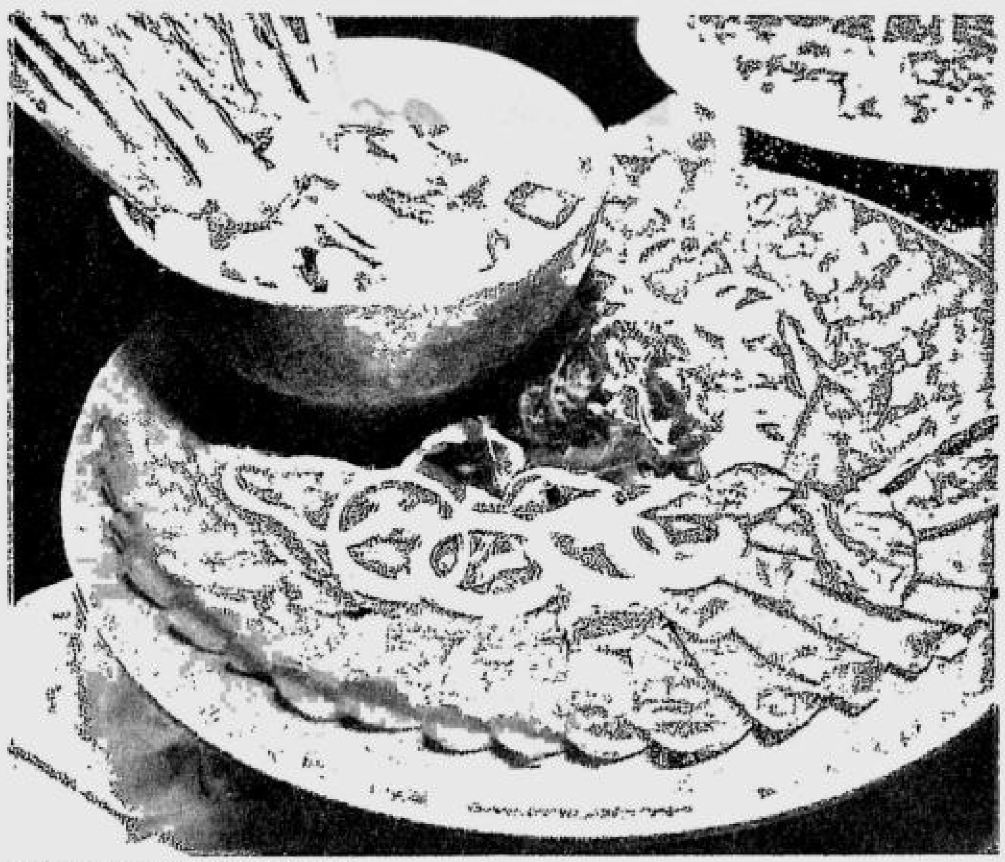
**POLLO** al Azafran, creamy chicken with saffron



**TRADITIONAL** Paella Valenciana



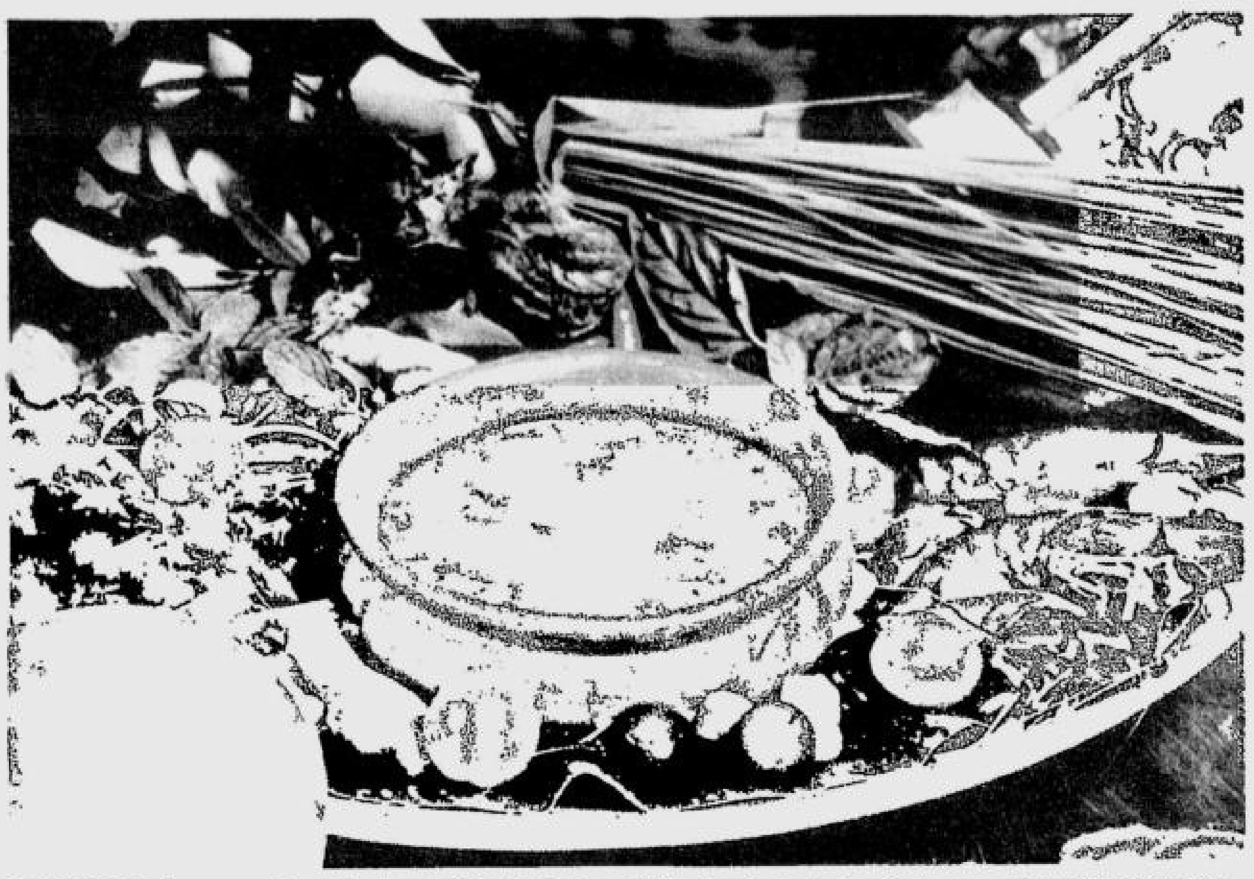
**SARDINAS** en Escabeche, hot and spicy Spanish sardines



**CHORIZO** Iberico, Spanish ham

**CROQUETAS** de Jamon, ham croquettes

**MACEDONIA** de Frutas al Brandy, fresh tropical fruits flavored with brandy



**PISTAHAN** sa Jeepney at InterContinental Manila features Philippine fiesta food and other popular native delicacies.

# It's Dad's turn to be wined and dined

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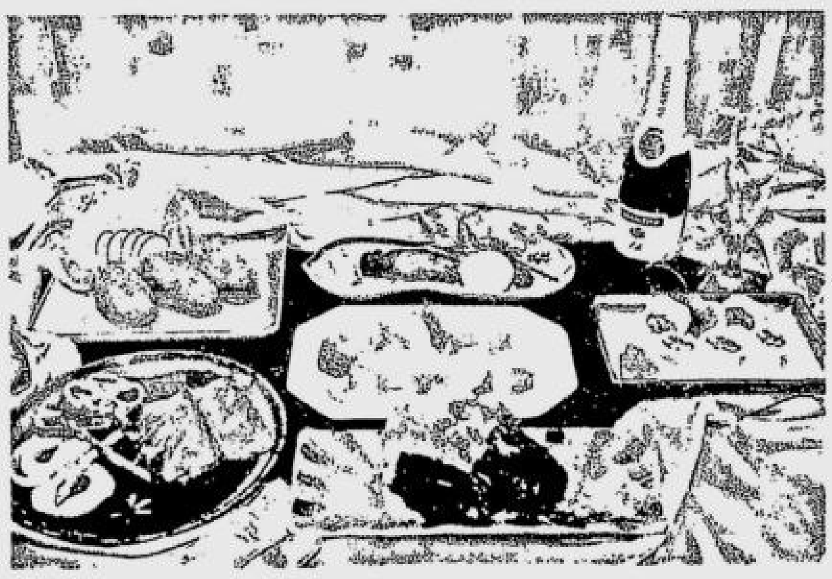
THE HERITAGE Hotel Manila's Restaurant Riviera offers a lunch or dinner buffet on June 15. In "Pop Can Cook," dads will get a chance to demonstrate their culinary skills. Call 8548888 local 7355.

THE SULO Hotel prepares an "Eat All You Can!" lunch buffet at Café Paraiso. Sushi and sashimi, salads, Yakitori, Mixed Tempura, Yosenabe, Niku, Teriyaki and Shio Gayaki are featured. Call 9245051 to 71.

EDSA Shangri-La Manila's Summer Palace offers set lunch and dinner with fried crabs, suckling pig, scallops with asparagus, shark's fin with crab roe, codfish or garoupa with soya sauce, lamb chops with satay sauce. Call 6338888 local 2738 or 2739.

KIMPURA presents Papa's Favorites. A free bottle of sparkling Martini Asti (375 ml) is given for a minimum food bill of P4,500+ during lunch and dinner. Kimpura is also serving its latest dishes like smoked salmon roll, una kyo maki, tuna teppanyaki and kani tsume korroke. Call Glorietta 2 (8932307, 8924456) and Greenhills Shopping Center (beside Uni-Mart), San Juan (7218816/8869).

BURGOO has prepared two new and exciting dishes specially for dads. Choose from Grilled Stuffed Pork Chops or Fisherman's Platter. On Father's Day, all dads will receive premium gift items from Burgoo and Tabasco.



**KIMPURA** offers Dad's favorites on Father's Day with a free bottle of Martini Asti for a minimum food bill of P4,500.

Burgoo outlets are at 310 Tomas Morato Extension, South Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City; 2/L The Podium, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City; and at the 3/L Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City. Call 9277424, 6875254 or 8981815/16.

AT HOLIDAY Inn Galleria Manila's Raphael Café Restaurant, get a chance to win special gift packs for the Father-Child look-alike contest. Dad can also get a caricature of himself free of charge. Call 6337111 local 7416/7440.

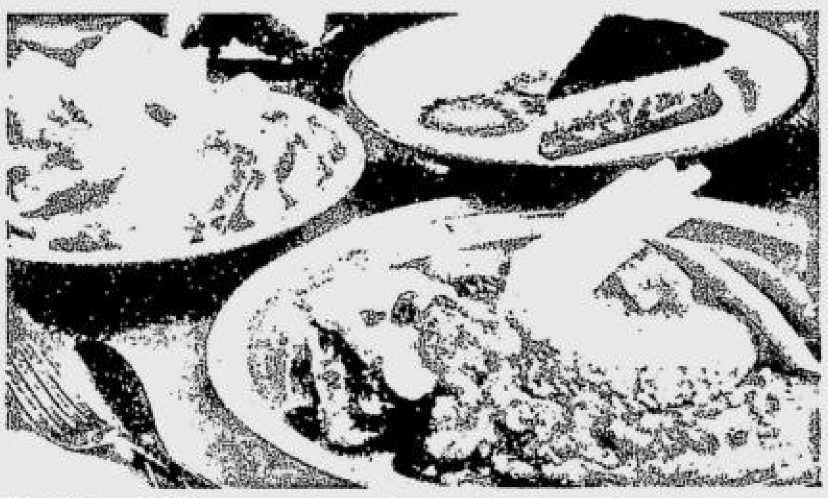
AT ISLAND Cove, Dads dining with their families at Island Grill, Island Café or Fishing Village will be given either a free day pass at Gold's Gym or an Emerald Headway magazine on men's favorite subjects: cars, sports, fitness, travel and business. If table bill reaches P750, Dads will be given a "power-boost card," to be presented at the Superheroes Station for more special gift items. Call 8105351/3740 or (046) 4340210.

LEGENDA Hotel's Le Café in Subic offers a special promo. For a minimum consumption of P1,000 during lunch buffet, dads will get a free on-the-spot caricature by a featured artist. They will also enjoy a day-long 30-percent discount on a la carte and buffet orders. All dining fathers will receive a bottle of wine, compliments of Legenda Hotel. Call 7329888.

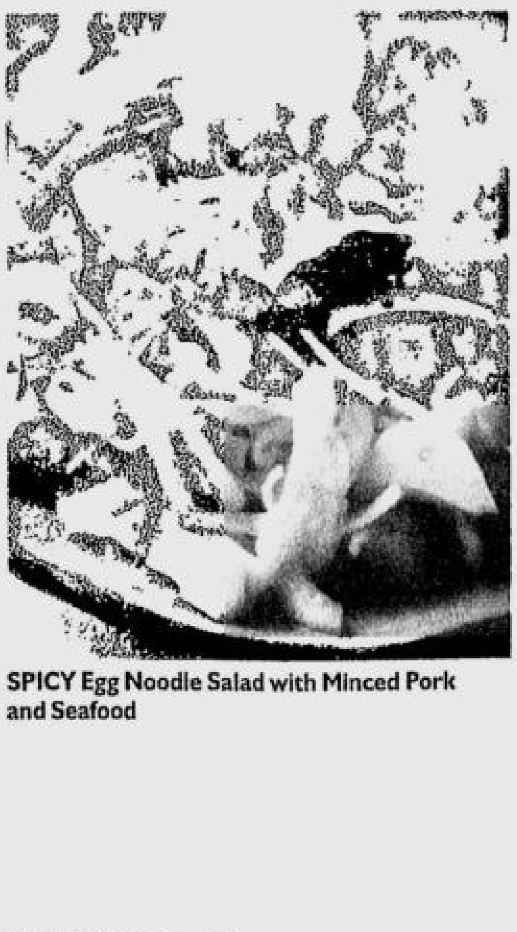
AT MANILA Pavilion Hotel's Cafe Coquilla, delight dad with buffet specialties like Pork Zurichoise; Beef Skewer with Vegetables; Scallops Provencale; Lamb and Eggplant Mousaka; Linguini with Mussels; Braised Beancurd and Vegetables; Poached Lapu-Lapu with Yellow Ginger Sauce plus choices of salads, carving, tempura and desserts. Call 5261212.

THE PENINSULA Manila's Nielsen's presents a buffet of appetizers, soups, bakery items, carved meats, omelets, pasta, noodles, main courses and desserts. Call 8872888.

MANDARIN Oriental's Paseo Uno offers a special Father's Day buffet, with the Jewelmer Jazz band performing at lunch. Call 7508888.

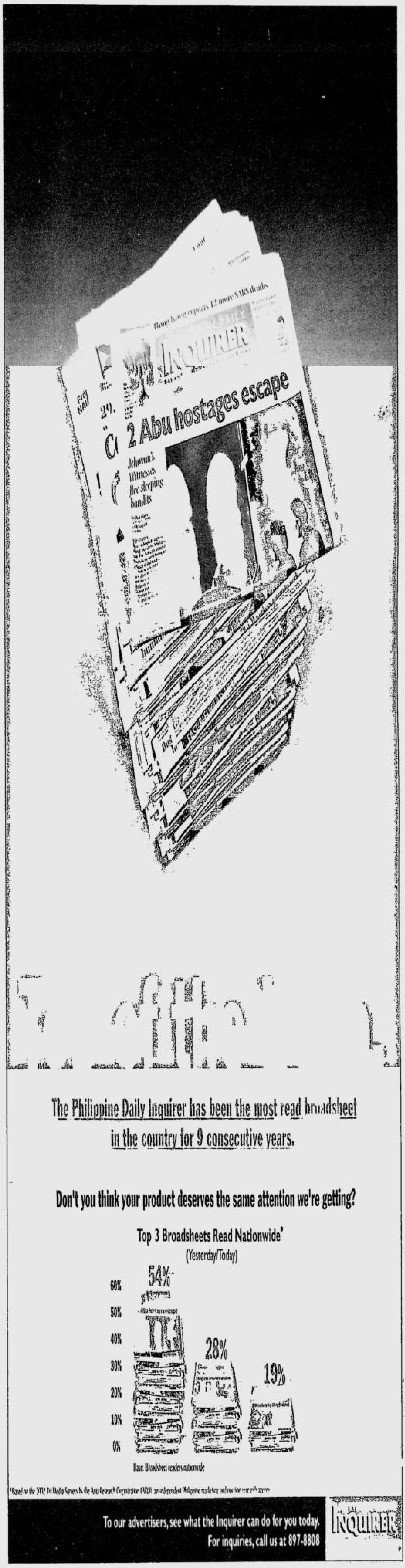


**UNTIL** June 15, fathers can dine on Cravings' Pan-Seared Lapu Lapu with Tomato Concasse, Capers and Cilantro Sauce, endless helpings from the soup and salad bar and Baked Chocolate and Sultanas Cheesecake. Dads also get to pick out instant prizes from Pierre Cardin and Armando Caruso or discount coupons from Bookmark and Filipino Bookstore for ordering the Special Dad's Day Menu. Fathers who bring in the most number of children can also win gift packages. If they dine in at Cravings with their families on Father's Day, they instantly win a free gift.



**SPICY** Egg Noodle Salad with Minced Pork and Seafood

**SEAFOOD** buffet at the Richmonde Hotel



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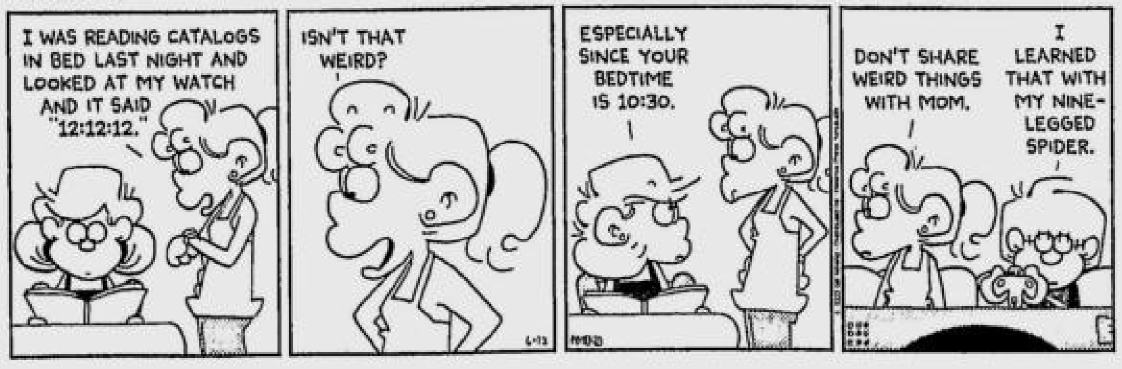
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ISN'T THAT WEIRD?
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR BEDTIME IS 10:30.
DON'T SHARE WEIRD THINGS WITH MOM.
I LEARNED THAT WITH MY NINE-LEGGED SPIDER.
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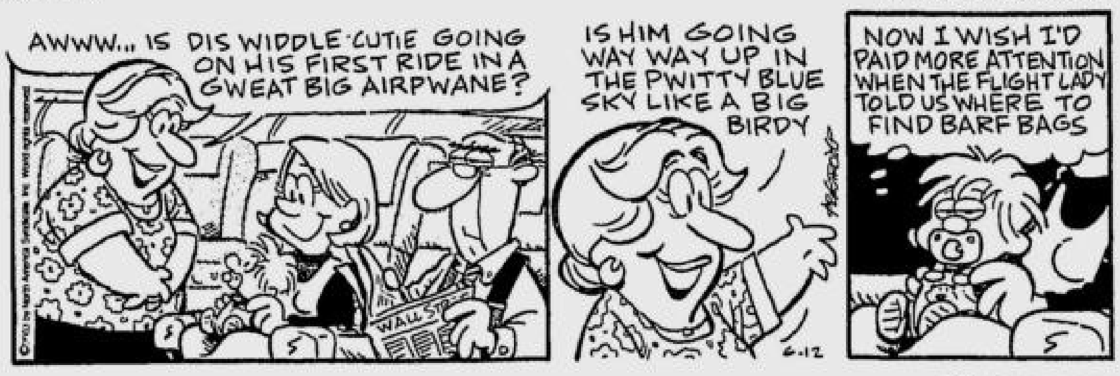
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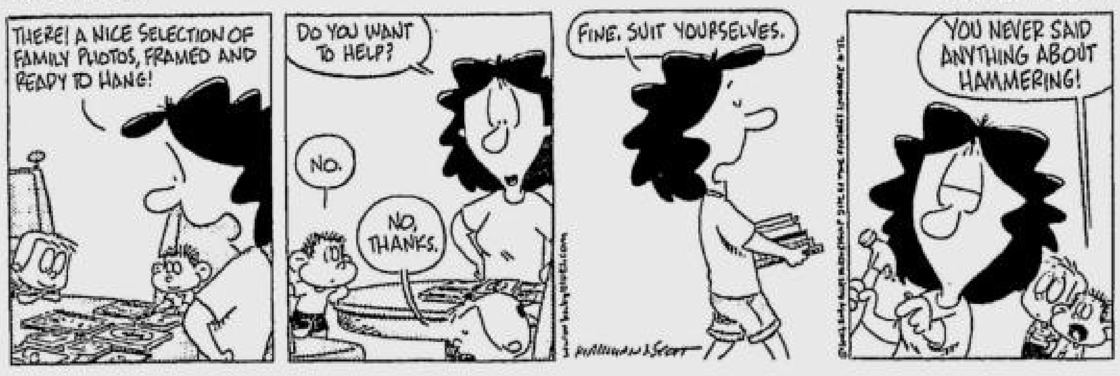
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NO, THANKS.
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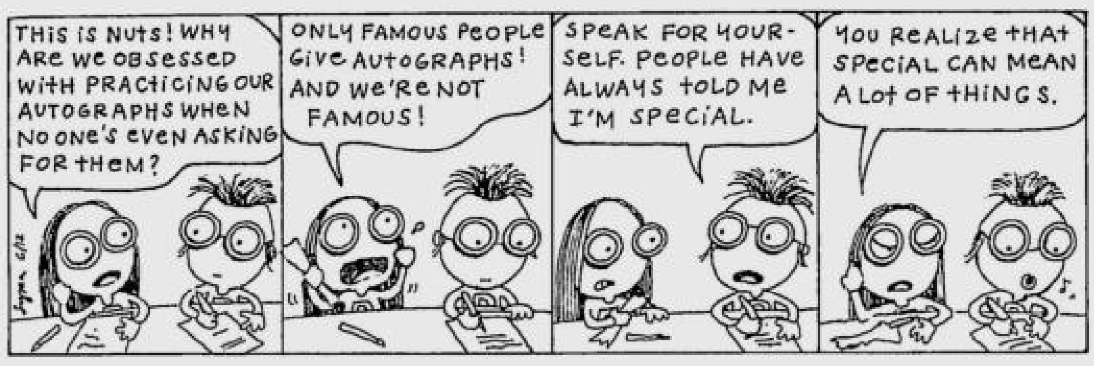
This is Nuts! WHY Are we OBSESSED with PRACTICING OUR AUTOGRAPHS WHEN No one's even ASKING FOR them?
ONLY FAMOUS People Give AUTOGRAPHS! AND we're NOT FAMOUS!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. People HAVE ALWAYS told Me I'M SPECIAL.
You REALIZE THAT SPECIAL CAN MEAN A Lot OF THINGS.

## HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** Justice and honesty are important to you. This is why you feel a strong need to speak out. You communicate through writing, lecturing, art or music. You learn quickly and can also teach. Like Plato, you believe "Knowledge is the function of being." Major changes occur this year that take you in new directions.
**Birthdate of:** Chick Corea, musician; Charles Kingsley, writer; Anne Frank, diarist/heroine.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** You want to enlighten others today. You want to express your point of view. Go ahead—it is your right, and you know it.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** Focus on financial matters and paying bills today. You have some important shopping in mind, which is why you need to figure out what you can afford to spend.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Three planets in your sign give you high energy and restless enthusiasm. Discussions with partners and friends go very well.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Do whatever you can to get a little bit of solitude to relax, meditate and calm your mind. You need to do this in order to regenerate and replenish yourself.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** Discussions with friends are animated and friendly today. You have a chance to show off how witty and clever you are. By all means, do so!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** Discussions with bosses (or parents) go extremely well today. People are impressed by what you have to say. (That's because you know what you're talking about.)

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Make plans to travel or go someplace a little bit different. You want to expand your world and have some adventure. But most of all, you want to learn something new.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Sit down with someone and decide once and for all who is responsible for what. Once this is clear in your mind, you will feel much better. You need to know what's expected of you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** This is a good day to clarify and explain an issue to someone. It will help you if you get somebody else's response to your ideas. It will give you a clearer perspective of what you're doing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** This is a good day for crunching numbers and doing mental work. You find it easy to be attentive to details. You also want to find the best technique for doing something.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** You feel unusually playful today. Don't worry, because pursuing mental activities such as games or reading for pleasure can expand your mind even if you aren't trying to do so.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** An important discussion with a parent, perhaps about something in the past that bothers you, might take place today. Any family discussion will clarify things for everyone.

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14 Boring tool
15 Spoils
16 Perfect server
17 Start of a quip
20 TV Tarzan Ron
21 Command to attack
22 Heavy weight
23 Part 2 of quip
29 Brainstorm
30 Subsequently
31 Crude crosses
32 Paper factory
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36 Brunch offerings
38 Little salamander
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42 Light classification: abbr.
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52 Drink a little at a time
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54 Shell propeller
55 End of quip
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63 At the party alone
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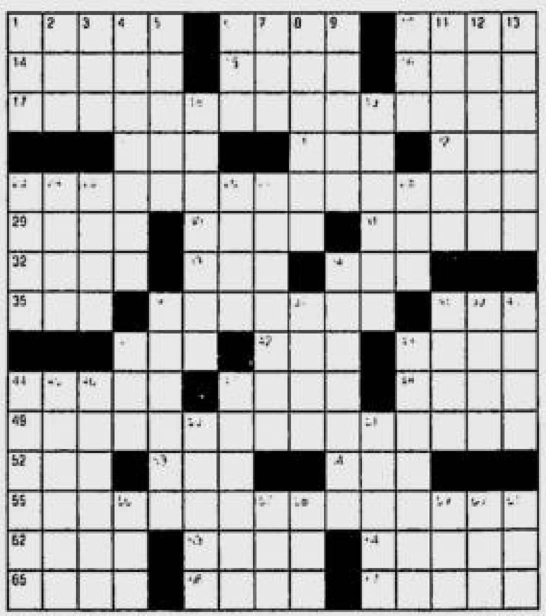

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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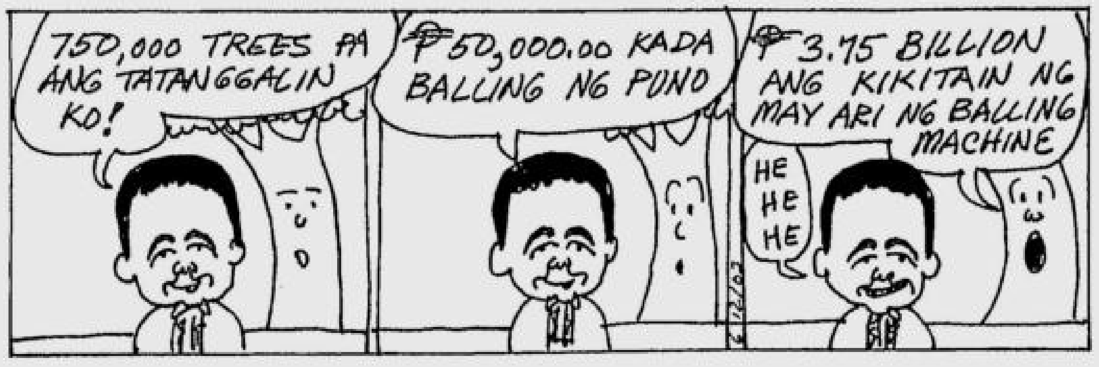
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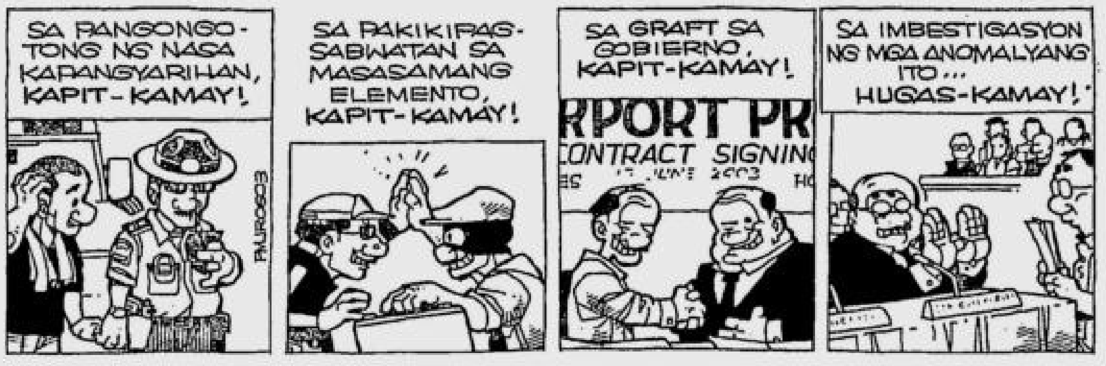
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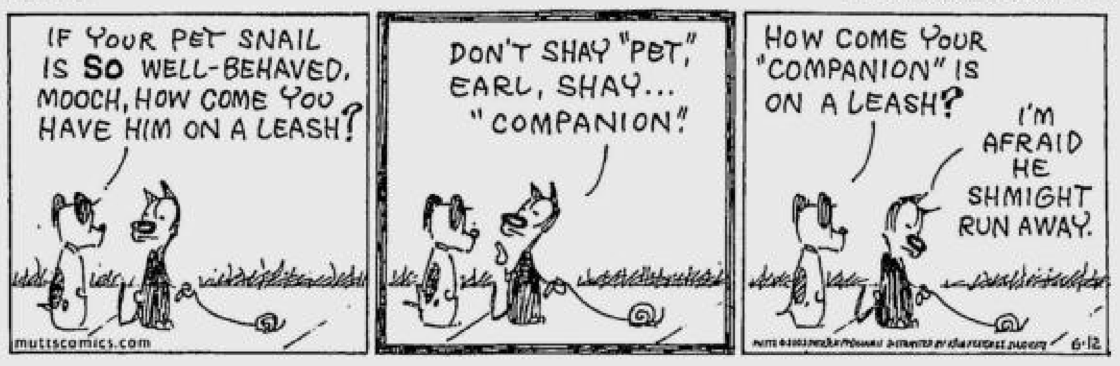
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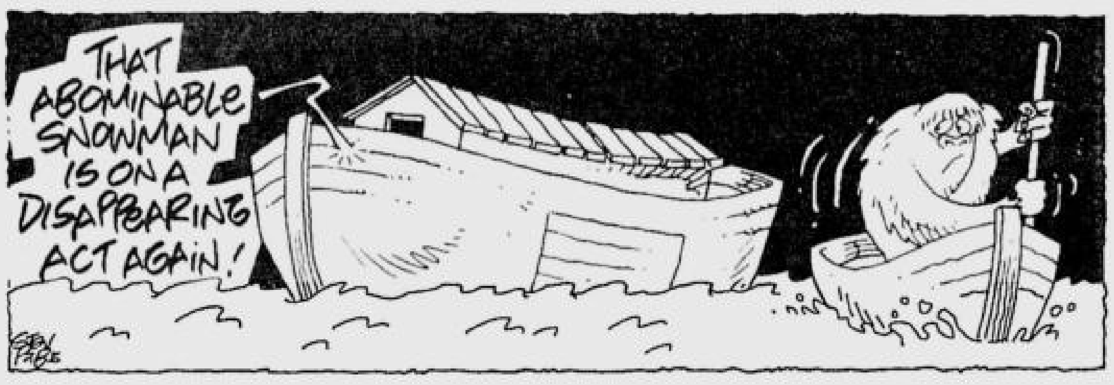
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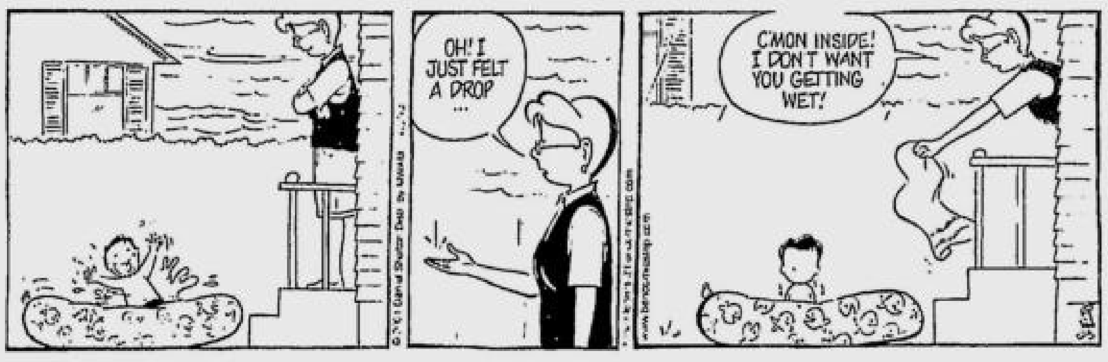
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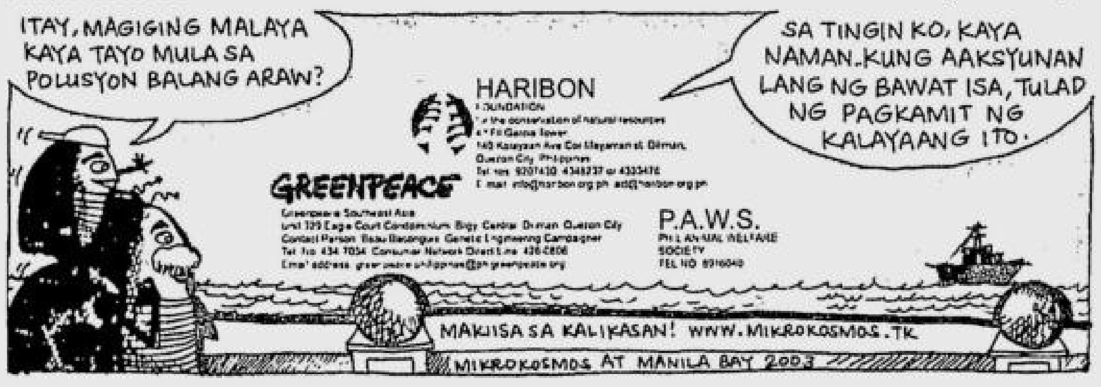
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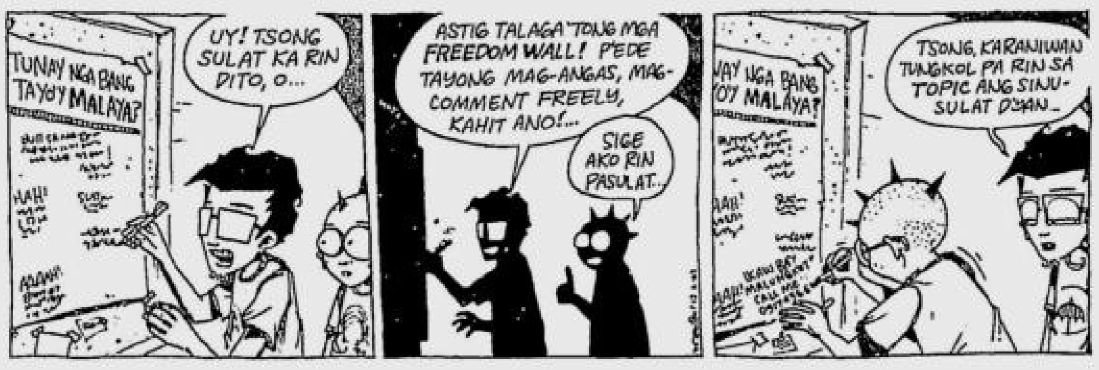
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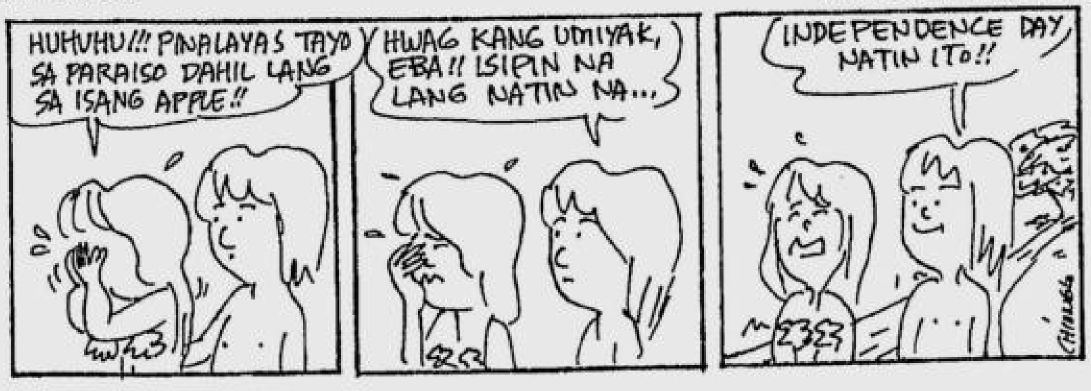
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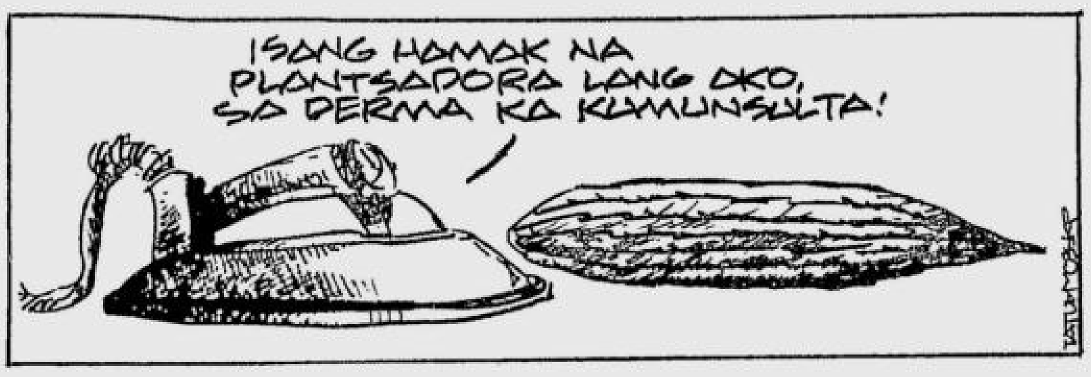
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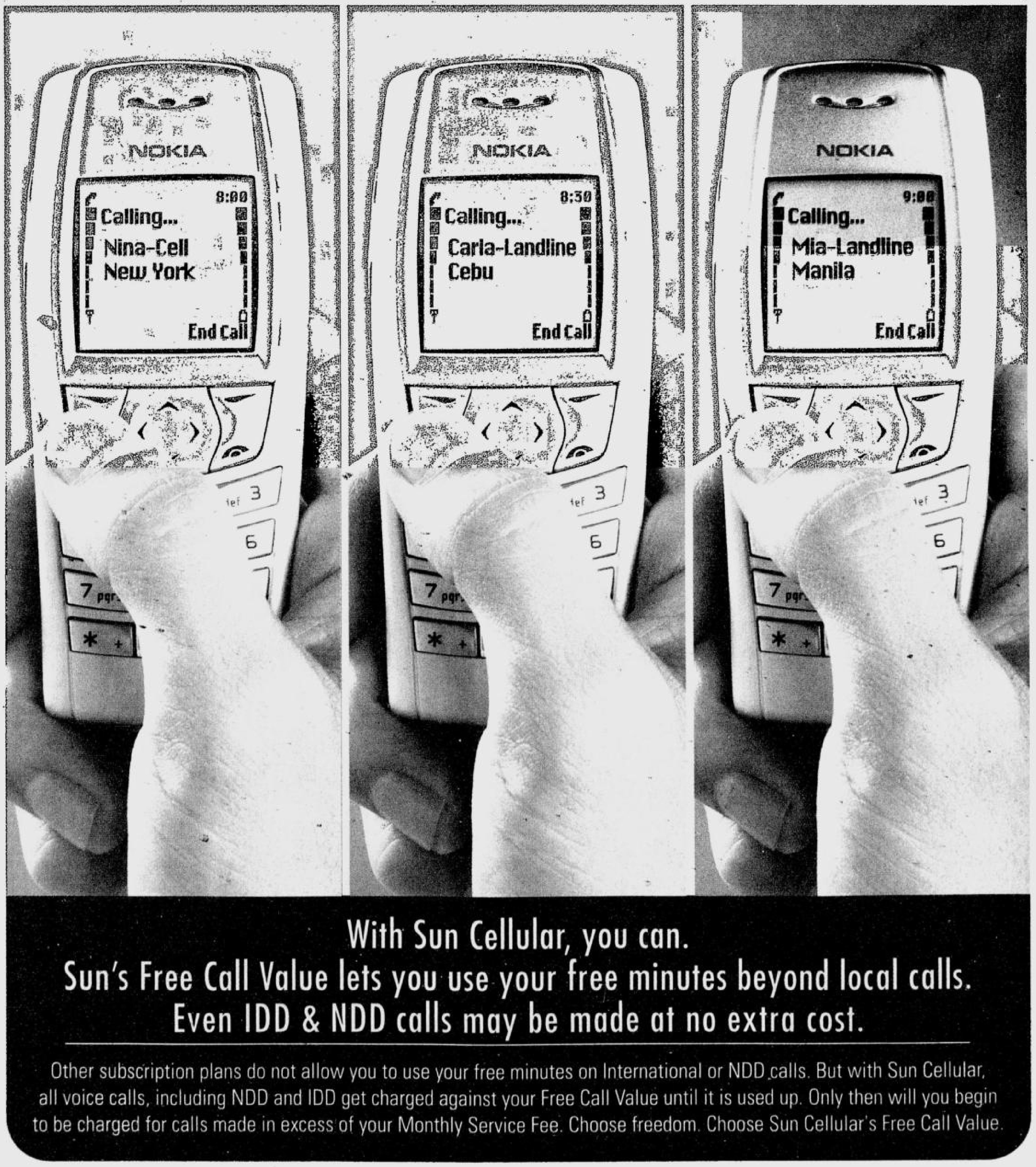
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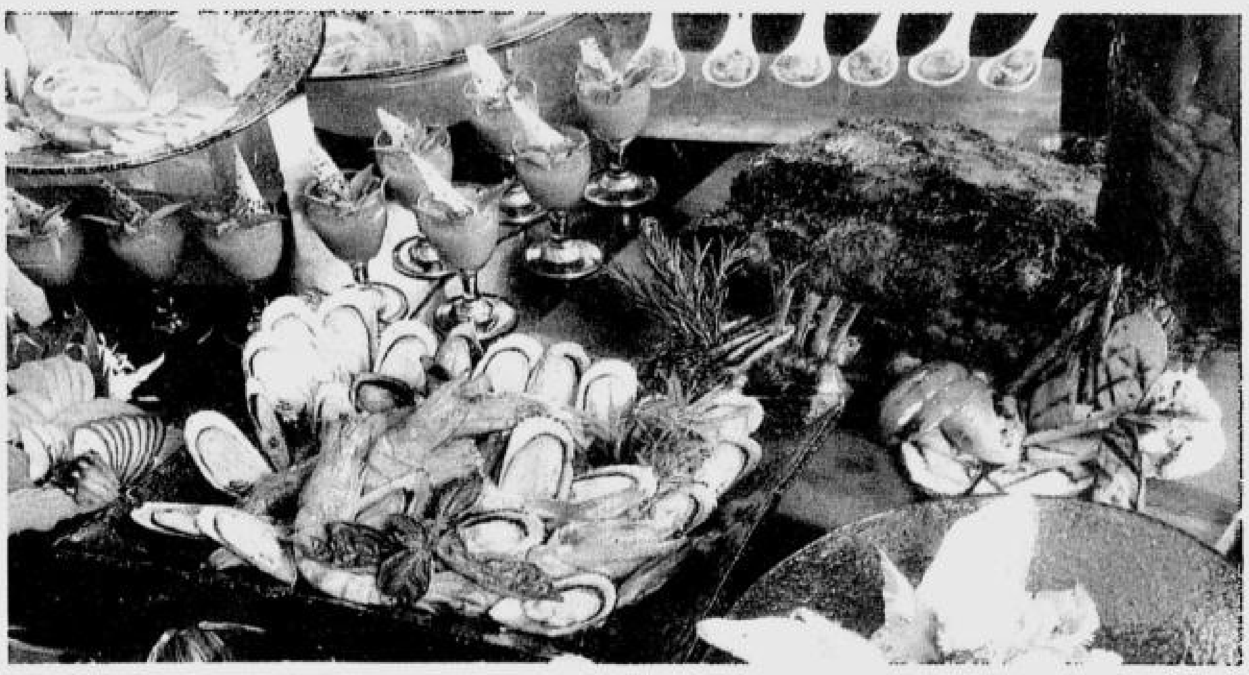
TREATS await dads at Bistro restaurants T.G.I. Friday's, Italianni's and Outback on Father's Day.

T.G.I.Friday's gives dads P250 gift certificates for a minimum purchase of P750. This offer is available for dine-in guests only (one table per visit). Italianni's Restaurant treats dads to a free Mussels Lombardi (fresh mussels simmered in white wine, olive oil, garlic, oregano and parsley) for a minimum purchase of P500 (dine-in only and good for only one table per visit). Meanwhile, free P250 gift certificates await dads when they dine at Outback.

JADE Garden Chinese Restaurant offers Chiu Chow cold-cut combination, fish lips with cucumber soup, Peking duck, stir-fried scallops with broccoli, steamed King fish, peppercorn Peking duck (second way), baked shrimps in superior sauce served with noodles, mango sago shake and sweet dim sum pastries. "Cheers to Dad" offers one bottle of French wine free with every half order of its barbecued suckling pig, Cantonese-style, and two free bottles with one whole order of the same. Call 8922319/2636.

MAKATI Shangri-La's Island Café features a Father's Day buffet consisting of international favorites like Japanese sushi, American Prime Rib, Chinese Roast Duck and Filipino Sisig alongside fresh salads and a variety of soups, hot dishes and desserts. Call 8138888 local 7024.



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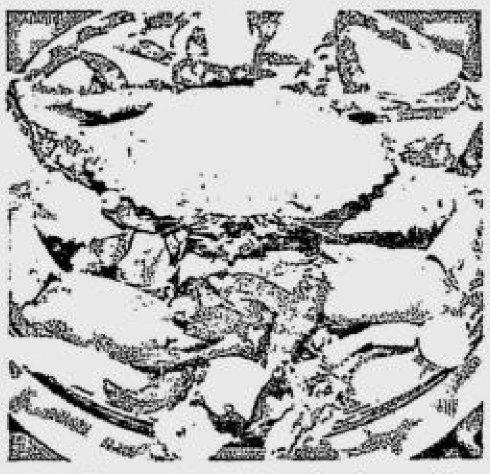
PEKING Garden offers a set menu of sliced chicken with bamboo-pith and laver soup, Peking duck, lucky fish-shaped prawns in rice wine sauce, crispy vegetables, conpoy with bamboo shoots & walnuts, steamed lapu-lapu, Peking style, drunken crabs with spicy sauce, braised e-fu noodles with mushrooms, steamed supreme soup and pork dumplings, and chilled mango shake with saga. This is served for 12 persons at P8,680/set, and comes with one free bottle of red wine. Call 8179066/67.

MARIO'S features a lunch buffet of appetizers, pastas, seafoods, paella, roast beef and Caesar's salad. Fathers are invited to join the putt-for-fun promo that will give them a chance to win special gift certificates from Mario's. Call 6343417/18 (Ortigas outlet) and 3720360/4153887 (Quezon City).

MARIO'S Kitchen now offers Filipino dishes such as lechon kawali, kare-kare, kalderetang baka, sinigang na ulo ng salmon sa miso, sinigang na tiyan ng bangus, tortang talong with crabmeat, bangus belly a la pobre, tortang talong with ground beef, and bistek Filipino. Call 3020195.

OODY'S is giving free Heineken Beer for every order of three. On June 15, caps, T-shirts and sunglasses will be given to lucky fathers. There will also be a drinking competition exclusively for fathers. Specialty of the month is Spicy Noodles Salad with Minced Pork and Seafood and Egg Noodles with Shrimp Wanton and Roast Duck in clear soup. Try also their Thai Rice noodles small with Pork Balls, Minced Pork and Dried Shrimp Soup, and for the adventurous, U-Don with Seafood Spicy Soup known also as Tom Yam. Call 7574258/59.



**DAD will savor this delicious drunken crab in spicy sauce at Peking Garden.**

THE PALMS Country Club, located at Laguna Heights Drive in Filinvest Corporate City Alabang, will offer buffet lunches and dinners at Ichizen, Café Asiana or Continental on June 15. All dads will be given a souvenir photo, a Tabequeria de Filipinos Inc. cigar, Planet Sports discount coupons and Nike giveaways.

WESTIN Philippine Plaza's Café Plaza features international favorites. Dad will delight in true Italian fare at Alfiere. The Poolside Barbecue offers the freshest catch of the seas and choice meat and vegetables grilled to perfection. Or have him experience authentic Cantonese cuisine at China Sea. Call 551555 local 1529.

THE RICHMONDE Hotel's Grill's buffet table showcases Poached Mussels with Salsa, New England Clam Chowder, Pan-Fried Salmon Saltimbocca with Lemon Caper Sauce, Blue Crab with Oyster-Ginger Sauce, and Tilapia with Coconut Sauce. A crepe and *halo-halo* station, with cakes, ice cream and fruits, is also featured. All fathers dining at the Grill will get a chance to win gift certificates from Richmonde Hotel. Call 6387777.

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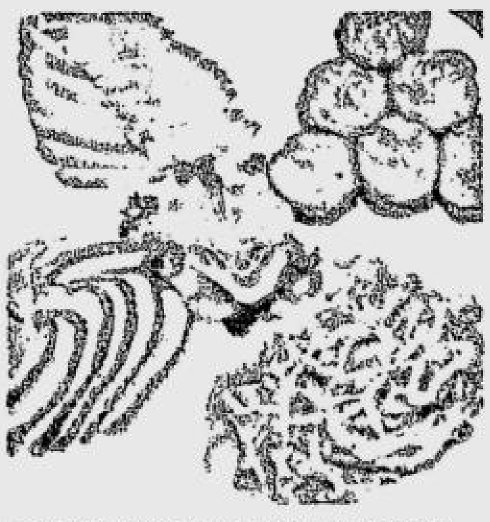

**FOR FATHER'S Day, Jade Garden includes baked shrimps in superior sauce served with noodles for its special set menu.**

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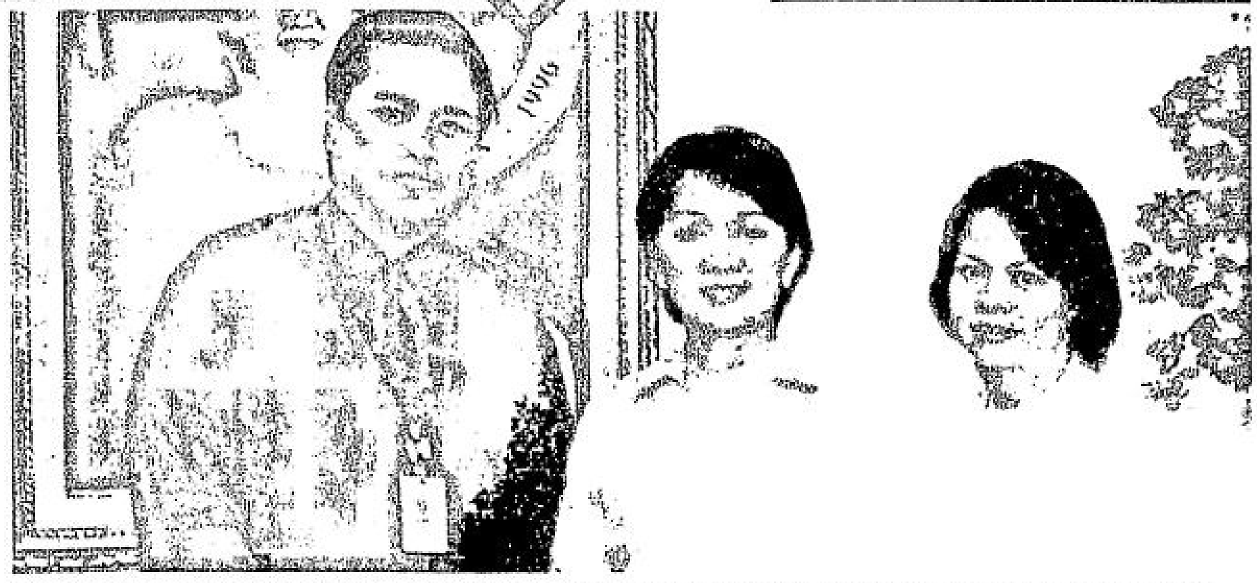
# Marikina leads in ensuring food and water safety

Residents of this city by the river have a ready lab to turn to for help



VLADIMYR Pallera, senior product specialist, 3M microbiology division; Marikina Mayor Maria Lourdes Fernando; and Myra Sarmenta, 3M marketing communications specialist

THE MARIKINA Clean Food Laboratory (MCFL) is a food and water-testing facility of the Marikina Local Government Unit.

Its task is to make sure that the microbial levels of food and water in Marikina are within acceptable and safe levels.

Established in June 19, 2000, the facility began as a dream of Gil Fernando, father of former Marikina Mayor and now MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando. The MCFL was constructed near the marketplace to give it easy access to the source of food of Marikina residents.

The lab's mandate derives from City Ordinance No. 167, which requires "all drinking water suppliers and haulers operating within the city of Marikina to submit water samples for inspection by the Marikina Clean Food Laboratory."

The MCFL analyzes water samples from 91 water refilling stations operating in Marikina. Failure to submit regular samples would mean a P1,580 fine for first-time offenders, and license revocations for repeat offenders.

Residents who have any complaints or doubts about the water in their homes may avail of water testing in MCFL for free.

As for food, MCFL usually restricts testing to cooked food. This is because it is during food preparation that most contaminants come in contact with food.

The lab has two food technologists, Emylou Angeles and Ana Clarin. They fix their schedules monthly to visit different food establishments, such as *carinderias*, to get 18 g of food sample and swab utensils used in these establishments. These samples are then properly labelled and brought back to the MCFL for testing.

Marikina has invested in 3M Petrifilms that have cut down the time and cost of testing to almost half. In the conventional method, food technologists needed to prepare the agar which is the media for testing, and had to wait for 30 minutes to an hour for this to set and be ready for testing.

### 3 easy steps

With 3M Petrifilm, food testing has been reduced to three easy steps: inoculate, incubate and interpret.

Food technologists just need to get 10 g of food sample and combine it with 98 ml buffer, then inoculate it into 3M Petrifilms. These 3M Petrifilms are left to incubate for a specified time and then results are interpreted.

3M Petrifilm can identify the presence of E. coli bacteria in food. The mere presence of this bacteria can make a person sick. In fact, alarming levels of E.coli bacteria can kill a person.

Although the MCFL is more a monitoring arm of the Marikina government than an office that metes out penalties, its work has influenced the behavior of the residents for the better.

For instance, most vendors in Marikina are now more conscious of proper food handling. The public has become more vigilant and more demanding because they expect high standards of cleanliness.

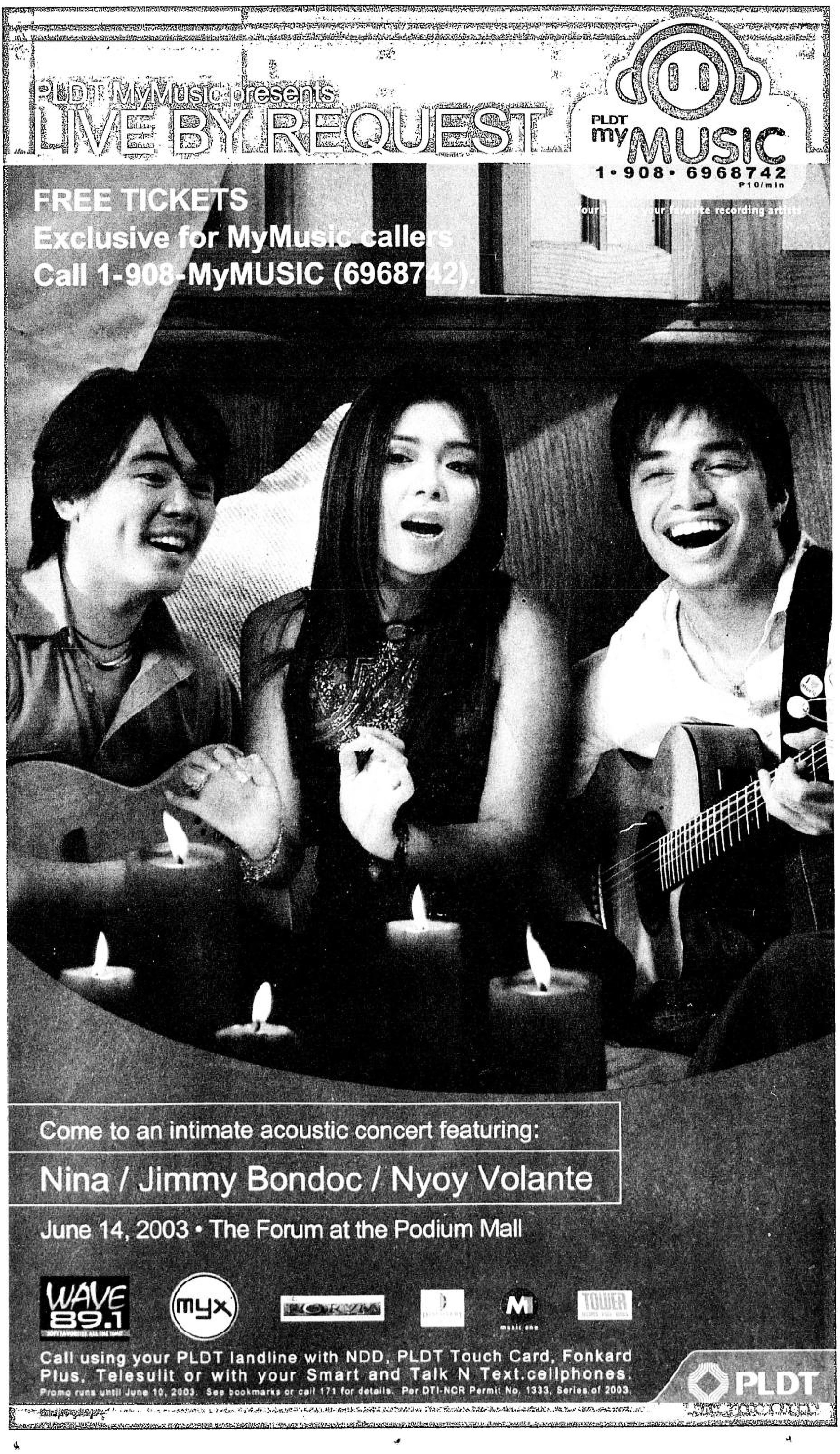
Even the proprietors of *carinderias* have encouraged their own people to attend training programs for food handlers conducted by the city government to observe and upgrade the standards of cleanliness set by the city.

Angeles and Clarin share these tips on proper food handling:

Instead of thawing food gradually, defrost it using the microwave or put the food under running water to kill the microbes and prevent them from flourishing.

As customers, make sure the area set for food preparation is clean and safe. This is especially true in *carinderias* where the cooking and dining area are exposed to the public.

"The governments of Metro Manila can look into the possibility of sharing MCFL's services," says Angeles. "For us to reach our optimum level of productivity, it is better for us to be utilized by other adjoining cities, rather than having cities like Quezon City and Pasig build their own Food & Water Laboratory."



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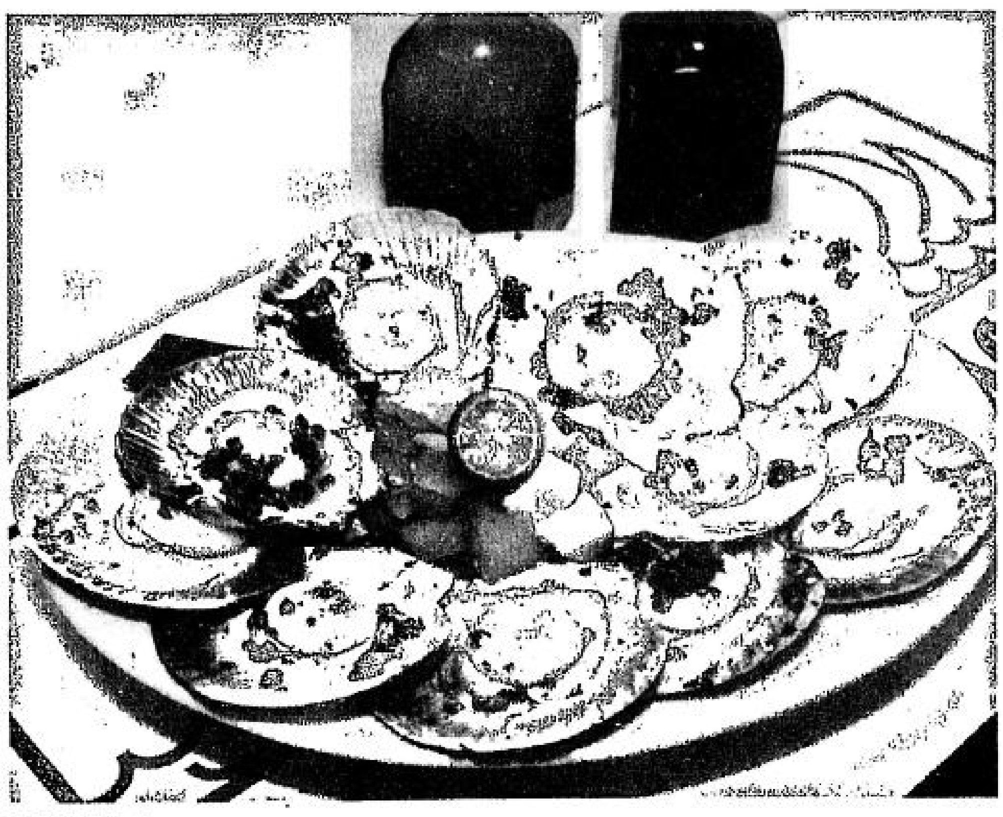
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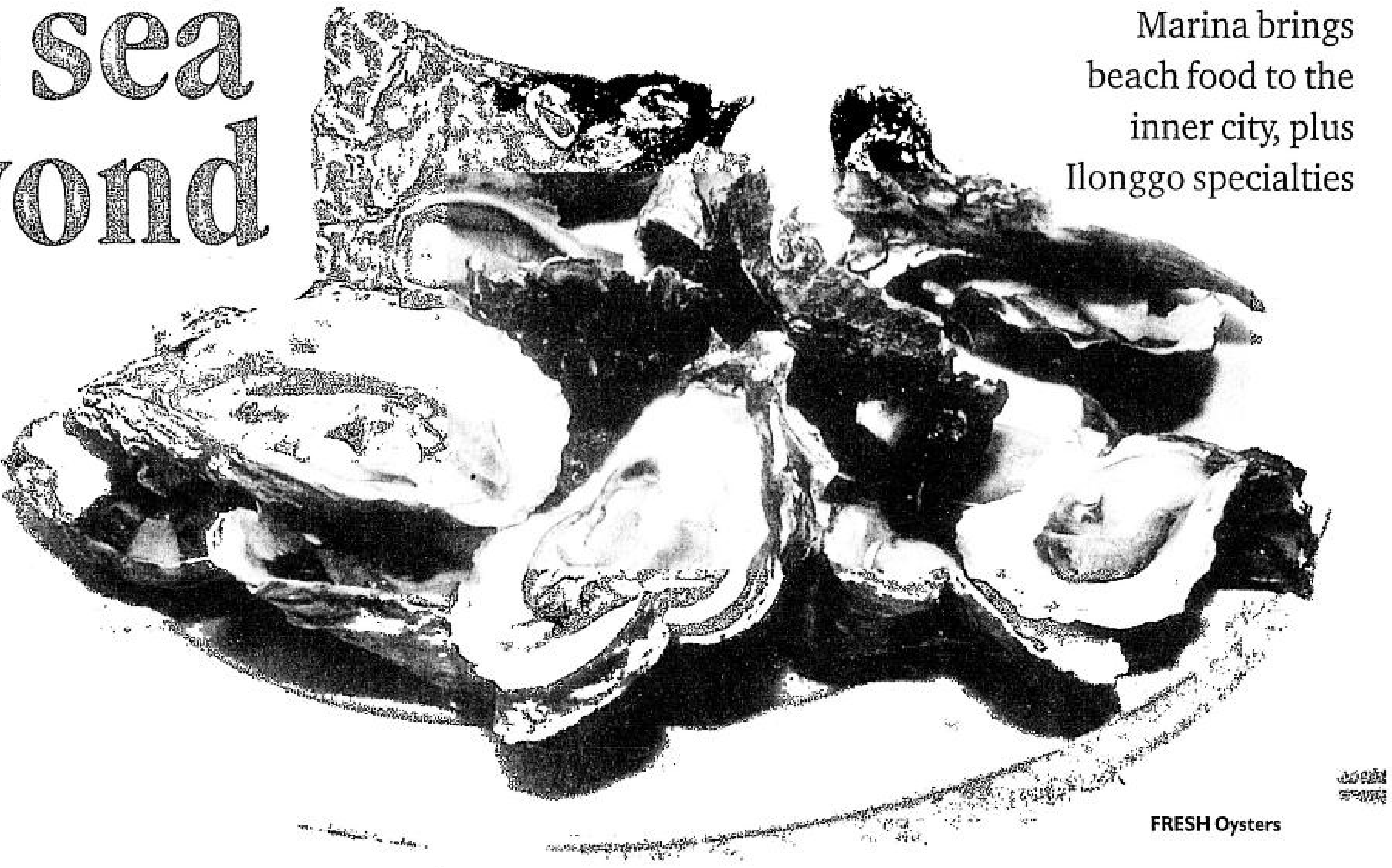
# From the sea and beyond

Marina brings beach food to the inner city, plus Ilonggo specialties


**FRESH** Oysters

**Text by Rowena C. Burgos**
**Photos by Johnny Villena**

MARINA'S kinilaw oysters, crabs with coco chili sauce, and steamed bulgan with soy sauce, black beans or oyster sauce, capture the essence of Ilonggo cuisine.

With outlets in Metro Manila and the Visayas, Marina's focus is to procure the freshest seafood and the best ingredients and present them in ways that are clean and simple yet interesting.

"Know your product and learn how to bring out the best qualities," said Ross Paul Gorriceta, owner of Marina, who's a native of Iloilo. "There are so many kinds of seafood with different flavors and textures that lend themselves to a variety of cooking methods."

For Gorriceta, there's nothing like catching fish in a stream, roasting it on an open fire and enhancing its taste with simple sauce.

"The simplicity in cooking brings out the natural flavors and that's what makes it so good," he says.

Not only is seafood delicious, it is gaining popularity with a myriad of consumers as it also is considered a great source of protein. "It's seen as healthy and good for you," Gorriceta said.

The Gorriceta family loves food. On Saturdays and Sundays, they would often go to the beach to enjoy the ambience and the sea's bounty.

## Stable income

In the mid 1980s, Gorriceta's parents operated construction and rice-mill businesses. "They were seasonal. They wanted to have a more stable income so they thought of putting up a restaurant," Gorriceta related.

They put up the first Marina on Sen. B. Aquino Avenue in Iloilo, a restaurant serving native Ilonggo dishes inspired by diners located along the beaches. "Marina became a hit because people didn't have to go to the beach anymore."

The restaurant has been named Marina, Gorriceta says, because "it's located near a body of water, it serves seafood and it's the name of our mother."

**BINAKOL** na Manok

Gorriceta's mother Marina and sister Rousseanne, a nurse in the United States, both good cooks, conceptualized the menu. Together with another sister, Rochelle, the three women take care of the restaurant's research and development of menu. Gorriceta, with his dad Ross and brother Roland, handles the marketing of their business.

To ensure the freshness of seafoods, especially oysters, Gorriceta orders them fresh daily from Iloilo. "The oysters don't stay with us for more than 24 hours."

According to Gorriceta, seafood consumption is on an upward climb, a point not lost on food-service operators like him. For them, it provides a solidly consistent seller with a manageable (though not always low) food cost and endless variety, both in form and execution.

## More creativity

Seafood generally allows more creativity than meat, according to Gorriceta.

And Marina casts a wide net for inspiration. Gorriceta has tapped chefs from Iloilo to create the mostly seafood menu that is a carefully planned hodgepodge of authentic Iloilo flavors.

Consider Marina's specialties: Oysters are served fresh, steamed, grilled, kinilaw or sizzling; crabs are steamed, with chili sauce or coco chili sauce or fried; prawns are grilled, fried with lemon butter sauce, steamed or with chili sauce; sea bass, lapu-lapu and maya-maya are steamed with soy sauce, black beans or oyster sauce, grilled, fried with sweet and sour sauce or fried.

Other than seafood, the signature dishes are Binakol na Manok (native chicken cooked in bamboo stalk) and Native Lechon Manok (whole native chicken roasted with lemon grass).

The restaurant's Sinugba Corner (set meal of grilled items, rice and *atchara*) offers tangigue, tuna, *bangus, tilapia*, chicken or pork barbecue, porkchop, pork belly/liempo, and chicken and pork barbecue combo.

"The biggest challenge when we were planning the menu was to get random samples of different seafood ideas and to pull them together. as a whole. That meant using not only a vast array of ingredients but a range of cooking techniques," Gorriceta said.

*Marina has outlets in Iloilo (Sen. B. Aquino Avenue, SM City-Iloilo, SM Delgado and Mary Mart Mall), Cebu (Nivel Hills, Lahug, Ayala Center-Cebu and SM City-Cebu) and Metro Manila (Jupiter Street, Makati, Ortigas Center, Pasig and Pearl Plaza, Pearl Drive, Ortigas) It is open Monday to Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 a.m. Call 637-8018 (Pearl Drive, Ortigas) and 897-8271 (Jupiter Street, Makati).*

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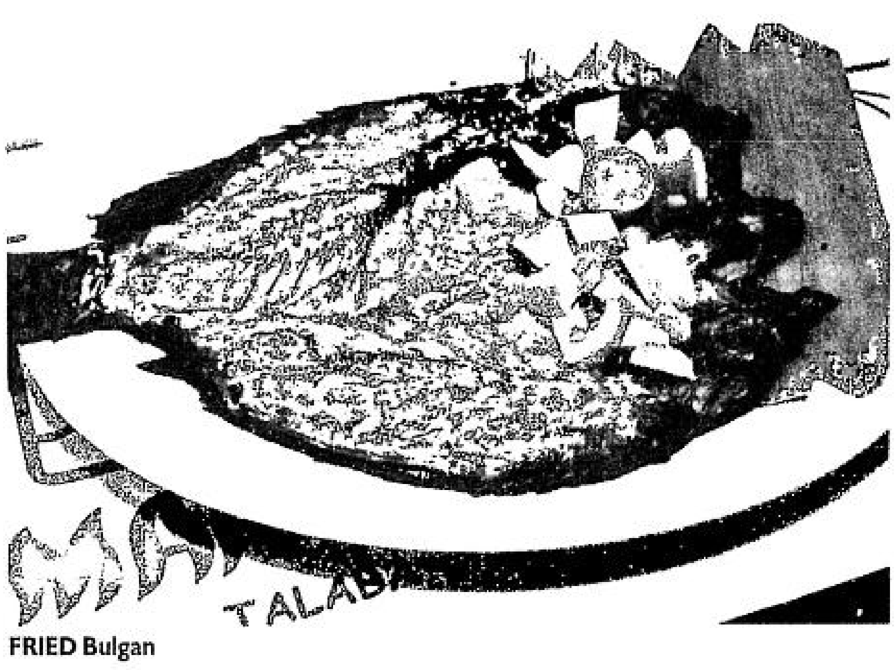

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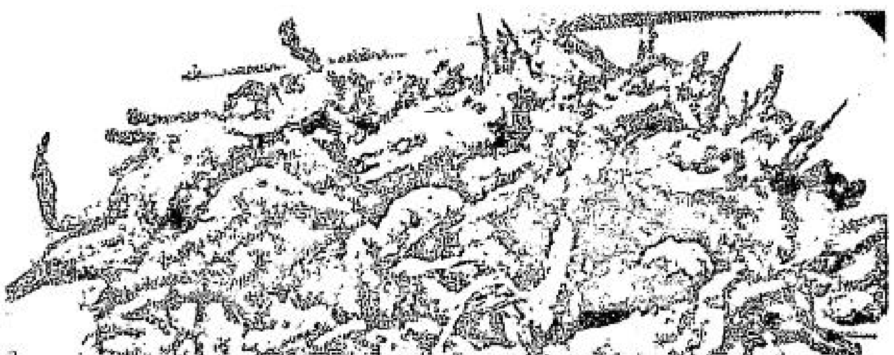
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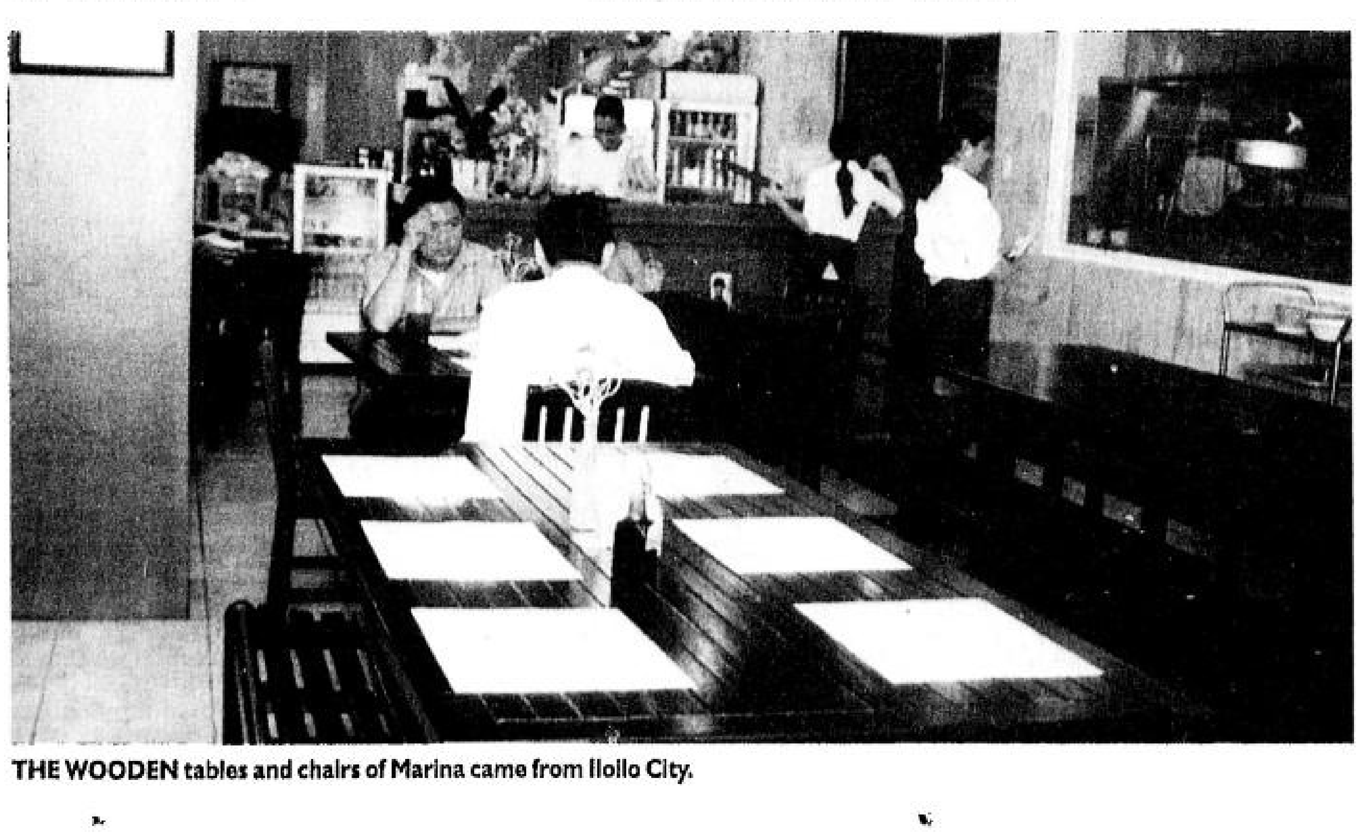
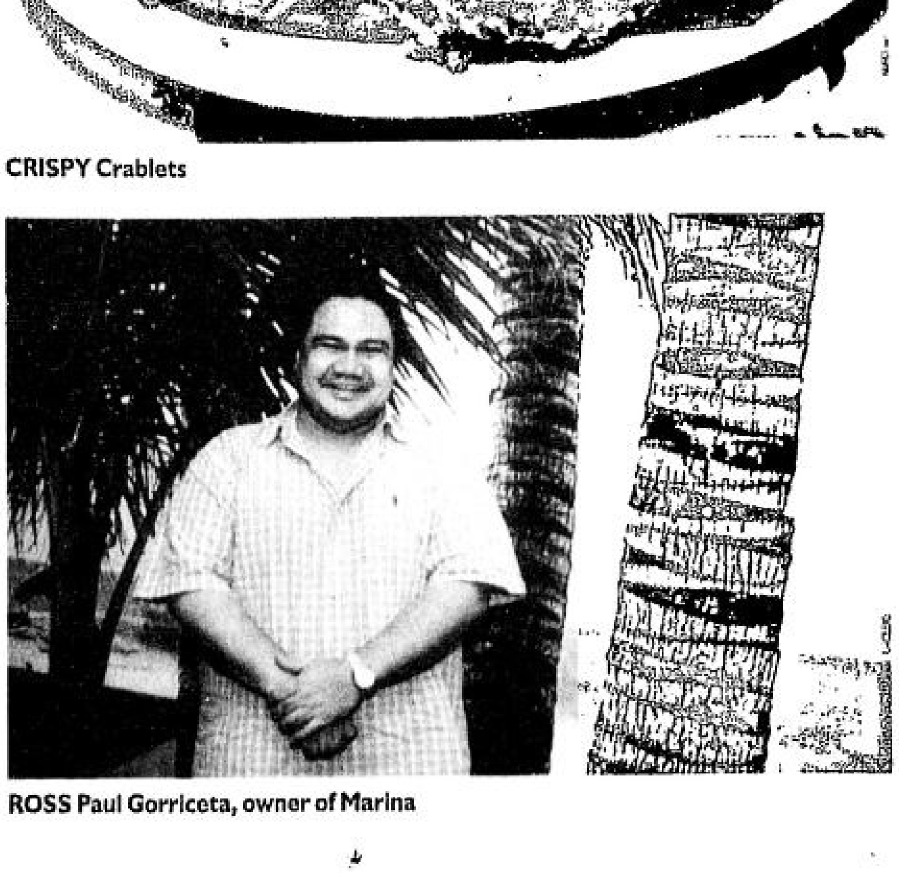

**THE WOODEN** tables and chairs of Marina came from Iloilo City.


**ROSS** Paul Gorriceta, owner of Marina

# Bottled water is booming despite environmental concerns, price

WASHINGTON—Walk through the beverage aisle of a grocery store and it is hard to miss the seemingly endless supply of bottled water on the shelves.

Sparkling, fizzy, mineral, distilled, purified—bottled water comes in many forms as well as flavors such as lemon, black cherry, raspberry, kiwi and strawberry.

Manufacturers sold more than $7.7 billion-worth of bottled water in the United States last year, an increase of 12.3 percent from 2001, according to the Beverage Marketing Corporation.

Last year, the average US consumer drank 21 gallons (79.5 liters) of bottled water, about 11 percent more than in 2001, the marketing group says.

Some environmental groups and consumers are concerned both about bottled water's price and effect on the world's water supply.

The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that bottled water is 240 to 10,000 times more expensive than tap water. While consumers may pay a few dollars for every thousand gallons (liters) of tap water, they can pay almost $2 per (3.8 liter) of some brands of bottled water.

The organization also says the booming bottled water industry could be draining aquifers and other water resources, contributing to pollution and producing energy inefficiencies.

There's "an immense waste of energy and plastic and resources if you consider the number of bottles that are made and transported and disposed of," says Erik Olson, a lawyer for the group.

Researchers are warning that if water use continues to increase at the current rate, the world will be in very short supply in 22 years.

J. Darius Bikoff, president and chief executive of Energy Brands Inc., says the water it markets is a tiny fraction of total water usage.

"I don't think if you look at every gallon of water that it has a big impact on total global production by nature," says Bikoff, whose company makes the brands Vitamin Water and Smart Water.

Lester Brown, head of the Earth Policy Research Institute, agrees that bottled water companies are not a factor in the depletion of water resources. He cites information from the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization.

A consumer typically drinks a little more than a gallon (3.8 liters) of water every day. But food companies and farms worldwide use up to 1,300 gallons (4,921 liters) every day to produce food, the UN agency says. That means 70 percent of total water withdrawals are for producing food.

"If we're looking at supply problems, it's not likely to have that much of an effect," Brown says of bottled water production. He notes that some countries must rely on bottled water to drink because some of their tap water is too polluted.

About one fourth of bottled water is tap water, according to the International Bottled Water Association.

The US Food and Drug Administration requires beverage companies to label their waters to define where the water came from, and if it's been purified or carbonated. Bottled water can be classified with terms such as purified, spring, sterile and artesian, or well water.

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If water use continues to rise, a shortage could occur in 22 years

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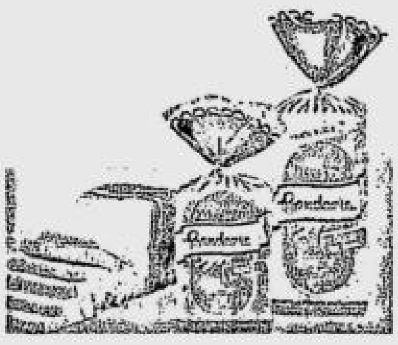

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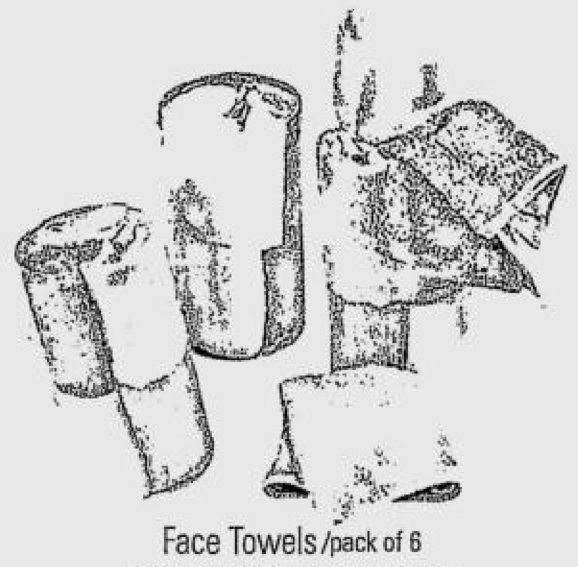
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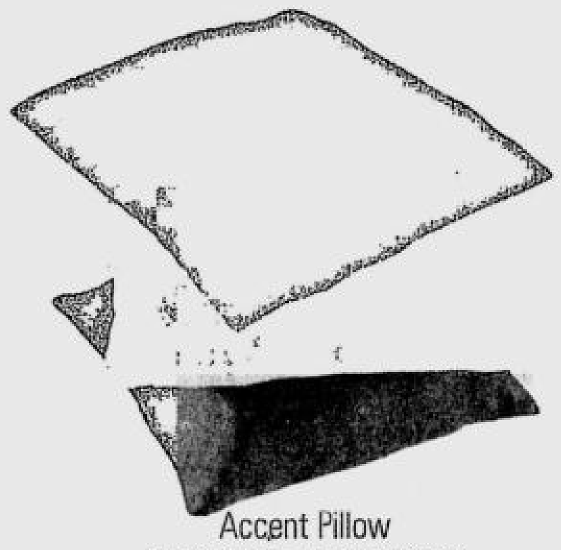
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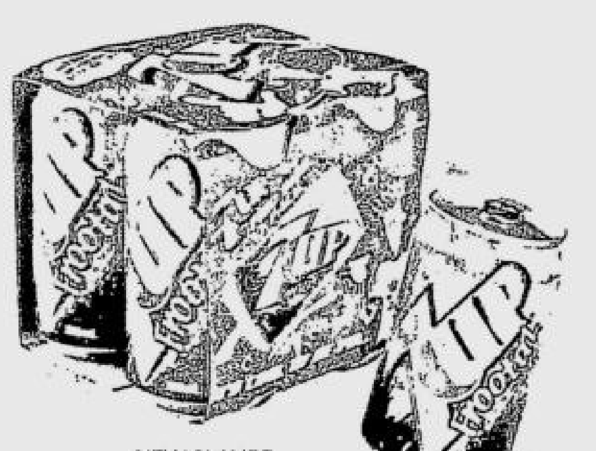
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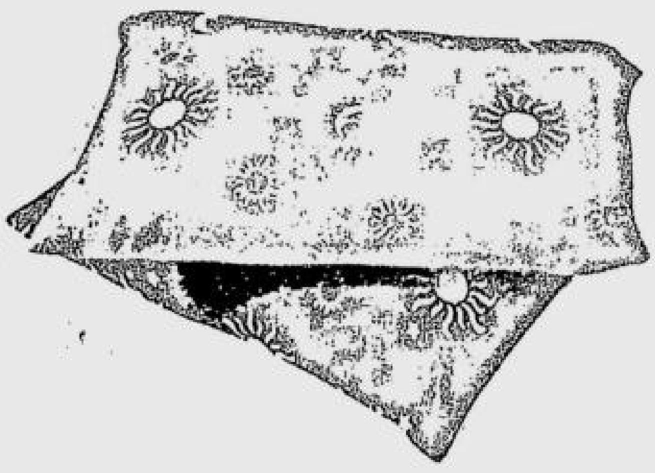
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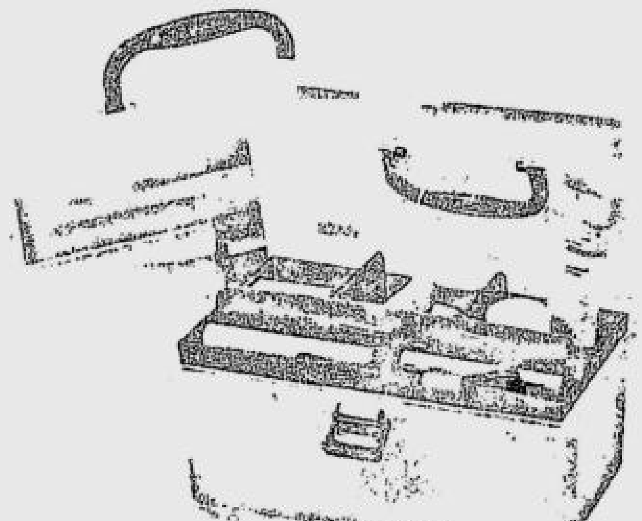
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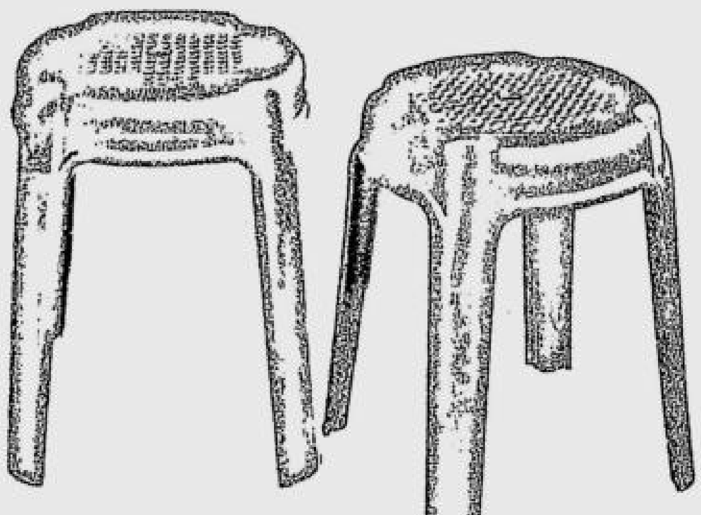
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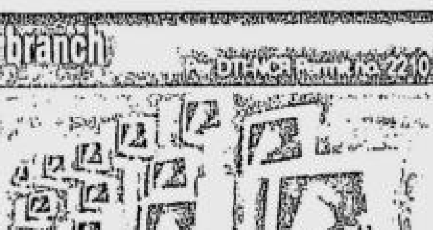

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# LIFESTYLE

# Pinoy favorites jazzed up

Today being Freedom Day, let's pay tribute to Filipino food

**By Dorothy MJ Ferreria**
*Contributor*

PINOY food can be made more interesting and exciting not only to Pinoys but to foreigners as well. One way is by making use of ingredients that are not usually called for—to give the dish an interesting twist. Today being Independence Day, let's pay tribute to Filipino cuisine.

Here we have dishes that will surely jazz up your dining table—Binagoongang Pata instead of the usual pork cubes, made healthier with the addition of *kangkong*. A second recipe is the Spanish-inspired Caldereta, with lamb instead of beef or goat meat, and Salmon-Head Sinigang, salmon head being popular in the wet markets and delis around town.

| | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
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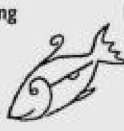
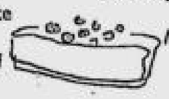
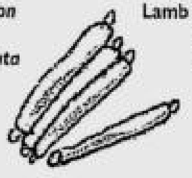
| **MONDAY** | Corned beef omelet<br>*Pan de sal*<br>Cheddar cheese<br>Hot coffee, hot chocolate, milk or fruit juice | Pork embotido<br>*Guisadong pechay*<br>Rice<br>Store-bought *cuchinta* or *pichi pichi* | *Sinampalukang manok*<br>Rice<br>Ice cream |
| **TUESDAY** | Cereal with milk<br>Bread<br>Hotdog<br>Butter and cheese spread<br>Hot coffee or fruit juice | *Halaan* soup with *misua* and spring onions<br>Fried fish<br>Rice<br>*Buko* gelatin |  Potato salad<br>Beef steak with onion rings<br>Rice<br>Canned fruit cocktail with ice |
| **WEDNESDAY** | Pan Americano<br>Vienna sausage<br>Butter and jam<br>Cheddar cheese<br>Hot coffee, hot chocolate, milk or fruit juice | Fried chicken wings<br>Vegetable *chopsuey*<br>Rice<br>Store-bought cold *taho* | Steamed fish<br>Sauteed young corn and green peas with oyster sauce and garlic<br>Rice<br>Sliced oranges |
| **THURSDAY** | Oatmeal with sliced bananas and cinnamon powder<br>Toasted bread<br>Butter, coco jam and peanut butter<br>Hot coffee, hot chocolate or milk | Clear soup<br>*Binagoongang pata ng baboy*<br>Rice<br>Fried *saba* | *Pancit canton*<br>*Puto*<br>*Mais con hielo* |
| **FRIDAY** | Fried egg<br>Garlic rice<br>Fried *danggit* or *tuyo*<br>Hot coffee,hot chocolate or milk<br>Papaya with *calamansi* |  Instant hot and sour soup<br>*Sarciadong isda*<br>*Gisadong gulay*<br>Rice<br>*Minatamis na saba* | Tossed green salad<br>Instant cream of mushroom soup<br>Paella Valenciana<br>*Leche flan* |
| **SATURDAY** | Hotcake with butter and maple syrup<br>Honeycured bacon<br>Hot coffee, hot chocolate or fruit juice | Salmon-head *sinigang*<br>*Adobong manok*<br>Rice<br>Brazo de mercedes | *Lumpiang* shanghai<br>Vegetable *chopsuey*<br>Rice<br>*Buko* sherbet |
| **SUNDAY** | *Suman sa ibus*<br>Sliced *manga*<br>Cottage cheese or *kesong puti*<br>Coffee or Chocolate | *Lumpiang ubod*<br>*Pancit sotanghon*<br>Rice<br>*Puto* and *cuchinta* |  Tossed green salad<br>Lamb *caldereta*<br>Rice<br>*Crema de fruta* |

## Lamb Caldereta

500 to 700 g lamb shoulder, cubed
¼ c cherry brandy
2 tbsp minced garlic
½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper
¼ c olive oil
2 tbsp minced garlic
1 c chopped onions
237 g can tomato sauce
1 ¾ c water
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
approx. addtl. 4 ½ c water
1 ½ c cubed potatoes
1 c cubed carrots
1 sprig fresh rosemary leaves or 1 tbsp dried
1 c cubed bell pepper
½ c canned button mushrooms, sliced
½ c whole black olives
½ c frozen green peas
¼ c cheddar cheese
2 tbsp chili sauce
1 tbsp fine salt
1 tsp Spanish paprika (pimenton)
237-g can tomato sauce

Marinate the lamb in cherry brandy, garlic and black pepper. Let stand for at least 30 minutes. Drain and reserve marinade for later use.

Heat the olive oil in a large wok or stockpot. Sauté the garlic and the onions. Add the lamb and continue to sauté until it changes color. Pour in the reserved marinade, 1 can of tomato sauce and the Worcestershire sauce. Allow to boil and then simmer until the lamb is tender. Add water as necessary, ½ cup at a time.

While waiting for the lamb to tenderize, boil the potatoes in lightly salted water until tender. Drain and set aside. Boil the carrots as well to desired tenderness. Set aside.

As soon as the lamb is tender add the following ingredients—rosemary leaves, bell pepper, canned mushrooms, olives, frozen peas, cheese, chili sauce, salt, paprika and the remaining tomato sauce. Allow to cook for 5

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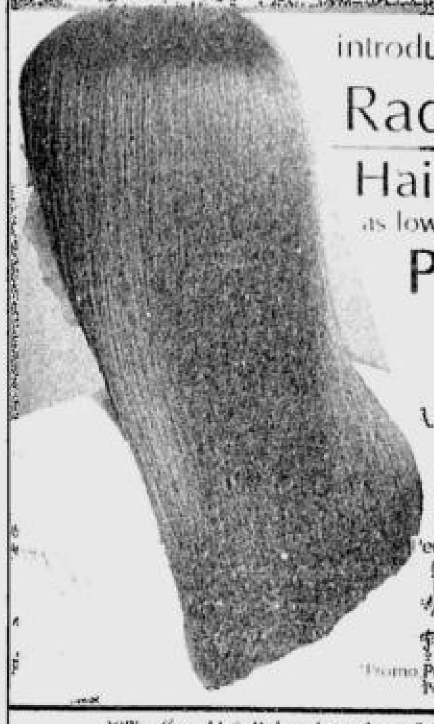

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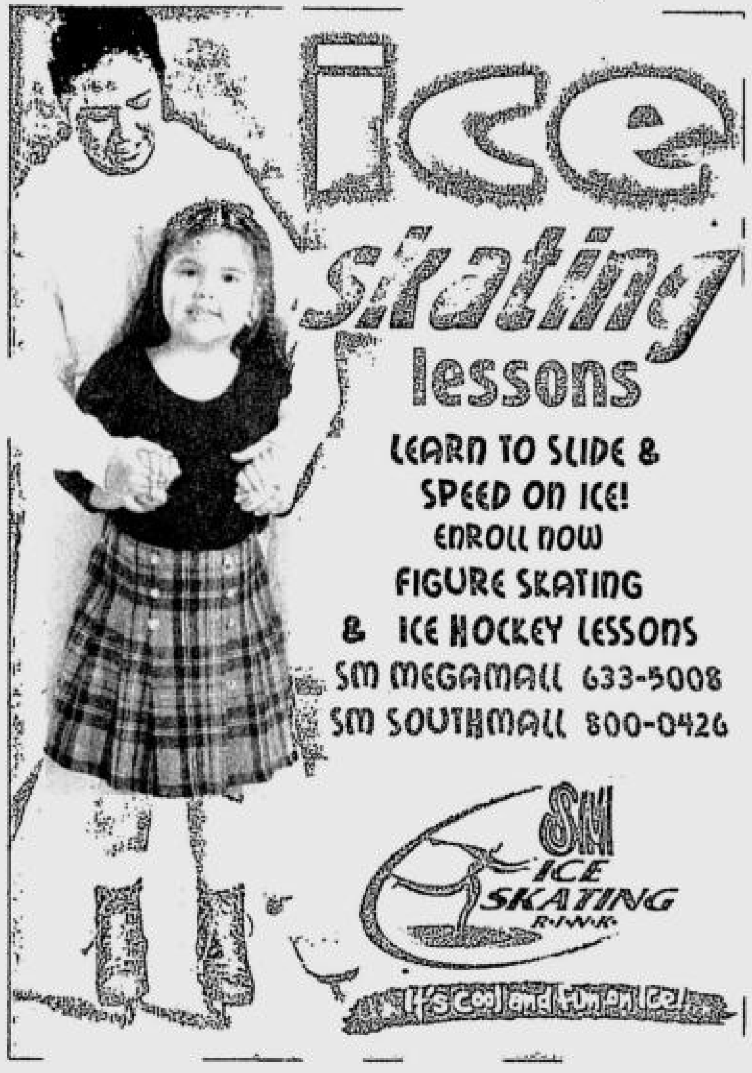

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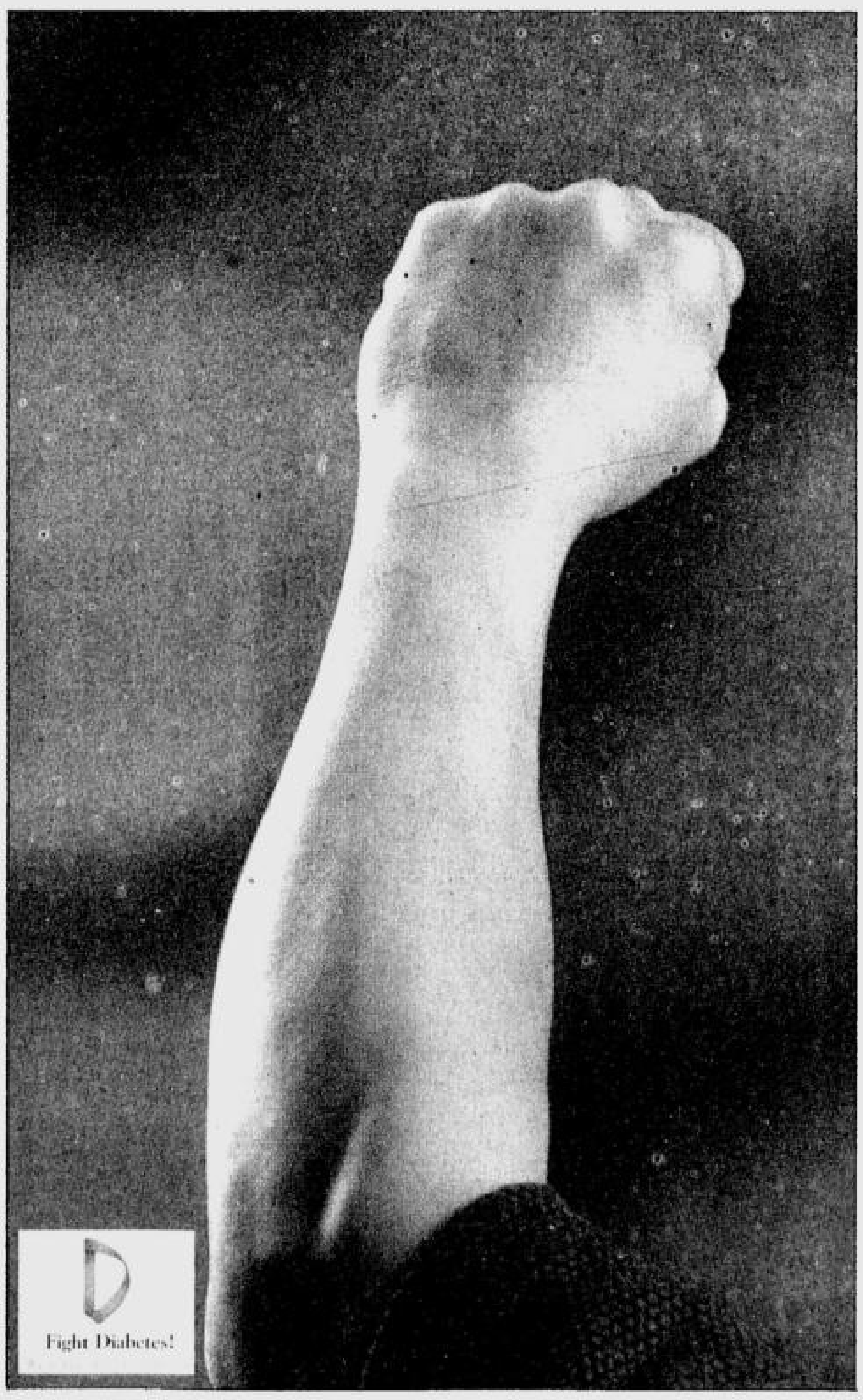

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# High tea, Pampango style

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BETWEEN LUNCH and dinnertime in the Philippines exists a gastronomic special called *merienda*. It's an afternoon snack that's somewhat like English high tea but more substantial. *Merienda* Kapampangan style, can sometimes rival a full meal.

Here are some facts about Pampanga and its famous merienda entrees, courtesy of Mangan, the Kapampangan cuisine restaurant:

Did you know that Pampanga derived its name from the Kapampangan words *pangpang ilog*, meaning "riverside"? Guagua is one of Pampanga's major rivers, after which the delicious *halo-halo* Guagua was named.

This fun snack is a variation on the unique Pinoy concoction, literally translated as "mix-mix." Another variation is the *guinomis*.

Did you know that Pampanga is one of the richest provinces in the Philippines? Embodying this wealth is Sans Rival Sta. Rita, a rich, rich dessert made of layers of butter and coconut shavings, the best variation of which is said to come from Pampanga.

Did you know that Pampanga was the first province in the island of Luzon founded by the Spaniards, on December 11, 1571? *Arroz caldo* is one of the many Spanish-influenced dishes enjoyed by Pampangueños, and is commonly eaten at *merienda* time.*Leche flan* is a Spanish-derived dessert as well.

Did you know that many Chinese immigrants who moved out of Manila decided to settle in the neighboring towns of Pampanga and married native women? Chinese influences abound in Pampanga food like seafood *pancit luglog* and *sotanghon guisado*.

Did you know that the Kapampangan language or Pampango is one of the Austronesian languages? According to the Dictionary of Lanugfaes by Andrew Dalby, there are 1,850,000 Kapampangan speakers! *Lelut balatung* is an interesting warm snack made of coconut milk and sticky rice, a specialty of Pampanga cuisine.

Did you know that rice and sugarcane are Pampanga's main crops, as well as eggplant and banana? This is why sticky rice dishes, cassava cake and *turon saguin*, made from banana, are among Pampanga's best desserts!

Did you know that fishing is one of Pampanga's main industries, and that Pampanga's rivers and fishponds produce fish, shrimps and crabs? *Okoy*, made from fried shrimp in batter, and *lumpiang prito*, made from wrapped seafood and vegetables, are favorite seafood snacks.

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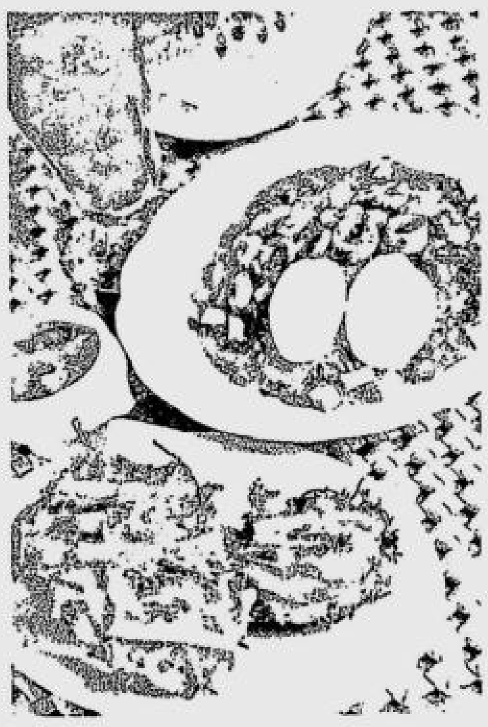

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# Pasta passion

MI Piace's Italian chef Michele Mingozzi

**By Allison W. Lopez**

GIVEN the Pinoy's penchant for gatherings around the dining table and inclination toward noodles, it was only a matter of time before Mi Piace, the Peninsula Manila's Italian resto, started offering the "Pasta Basta—It's a Pasta-Sharing Affair" promo.

Pasta Basta allows a minimum of four people to mix and match different pastas and sauces—till the noodles come out of their ears.

"Come hungry, and eat slowly," says Chef Michele Mingozzi, Mi Piace's resident Italian chef.

Definitely a pasta overload, Pasta Basta is a treat for the famished and adventurous yet practical fans of Italian cuisine.

The promo, which runs until July 6, is also a perfect opportunity to treat pater et familia on Father's Day. At only P300+ per head, you can have a variety of choices by selecting two out of six pastas, and six out of 10 sauces.

## New sauces

You can look forward to three new sauces created specially for this promo by 32-year-old Chef Mingozzi, who began cooking in his native country at age 14.

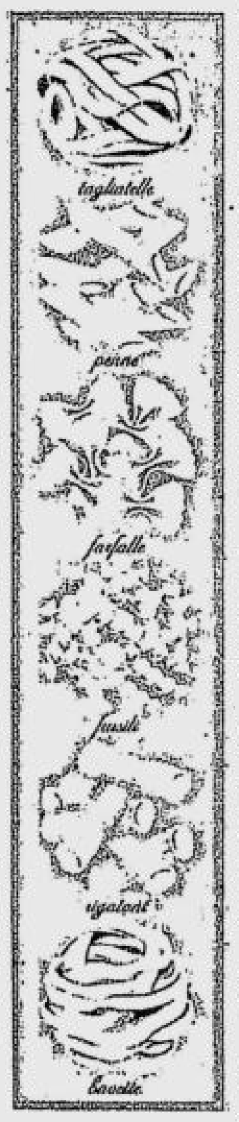
Whipping up new ways of enjoying Italian food is Chef Mingozzi's passion. He reveals that he loves to "play with food" and constantly experiments with taste and presentation, combining creativity with his extensive experience. Monotony has no place in his kitchen.

Mingozzi's intriguing creations include the Pinoy-inspired Edsa Stuffer. Taking its name from the perennially clogged avenue, the sauce bursts with an uncanny mix of *lechon kawali*, clams, mussels, pineapple, tomatoes and tarragon.

The two other novelties are the Mediterranean Matinée, an interesting combination of prawns, garlic, button and abalone mushrooms, and parsley; and the La Dolce Vita, which is made of pesto, tuna, olives, onions and cherry tomatoes.

## Traditional sauces

The seven traditional sauces are not to be ignored, though. They include the very familiar Carbonara (made with cream, ham, peas and egg yolk); the hot Arrabiata (tomato sauce, onions, pepper and parsley with just the right hint of chili); the classic Napoletana (tomatoes, olive oil and garlic); the chunky Bolognese (tomatoes, ground beef, onions, garlic, oregano); the lusty Puttanesca (tomatoes, anchovies, capers, black and green olives); the hearty Amatriciana (dried ham, chili and parsley); and the simple yet flavorful Pesto (basil, parsley, roasted pine nuts and extra virgin olive oil).



After voting out four sauces (which can be terribly difficult if you've got choices like these) you can now go to the less stressful part: choosing the pasta.

## Pasta choices

Pasta comes in an astonishing variety of shapes, some common throughout Italy, some limited to a region or even a town. There are also specialty shapes produced by individual pasta makers.

For this promo, there are six out of, well, around 250 kinds of pasta. You get to pick two out of the six pastas, such as the tagliatelle, penne, farfalle, fussily, rigatoni and bavette. No need to worry—Mi Piace's menu has accompanying illustrations for easy identification.

So how would you know which among the many pastas goes with what sauce?

The Italian chef reveals there's really no reason a particular pasta has taken a certain shape, though some lend themselves to a particular dish more than others.

"You can just match the pastas with whatever sauce you choose. There are no rules," Mingozzi says.

Meanwhile, for those who prefer to enjoy their pasta in solitude, the promo also proffers seven new and exciting dishes from Chef Mingozzi at P395+ each. The names may be a bit difficult to remember, but the taste will definitely leave a lasting impression, especially since the pasta is fresh.

## Notable

Among the most notable are the Cannelloni di Funghi, an ultra-creamy but not cloying concoction that consists of mushroom, crab meat and venison; the Fagottini di Pesce, which has the tasty seabass wrapped in the pasta with shiitake mushroom-broccoli sauce; the sumptuous lamb bolognaise and pesto in Garganelli con Bolognese; and the Fettuccine Verdi, or green fettuccine with duck and fresh artichoke.

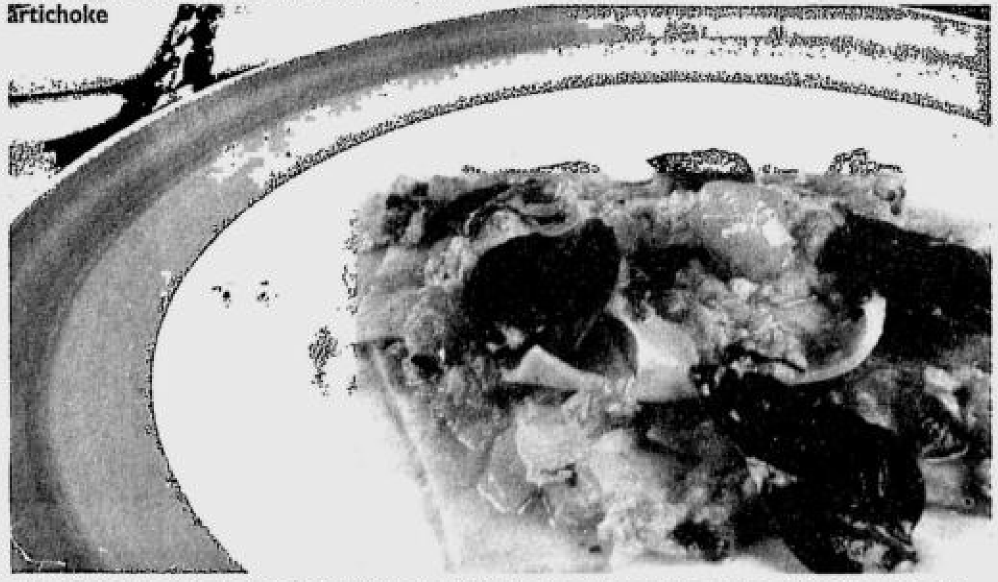
A predicted hit among the Pinoys is none other than the Edsa Stuffer, which, should it happen, will follow the footsteps of its pizza counterpart Ang Sosing Pinoy. Mingozzi says the pizza, which was launched during another promo in April, was the most ordered. It consisted of ketchup, angel hair pasta, crispy squid and other seafood.

When asked how he liked his pasta, the inventive chef shares that, ironically, he likes it uncomplicated—with only extra virgin olive oil and parmesan cheese.

And how do Pinoys like their pasta? Certainly, with this promo, there should be room for more, more and more.

**FAGOTTINI** di Pesce con Funghi Shiitake e Broccoli (seabass and shiitake mushroom-broccoli sauce)

**FETTUCCINE** Verdi con Anatra e Carciofi Freschi (green fettuccine with duck and fresh artichoke



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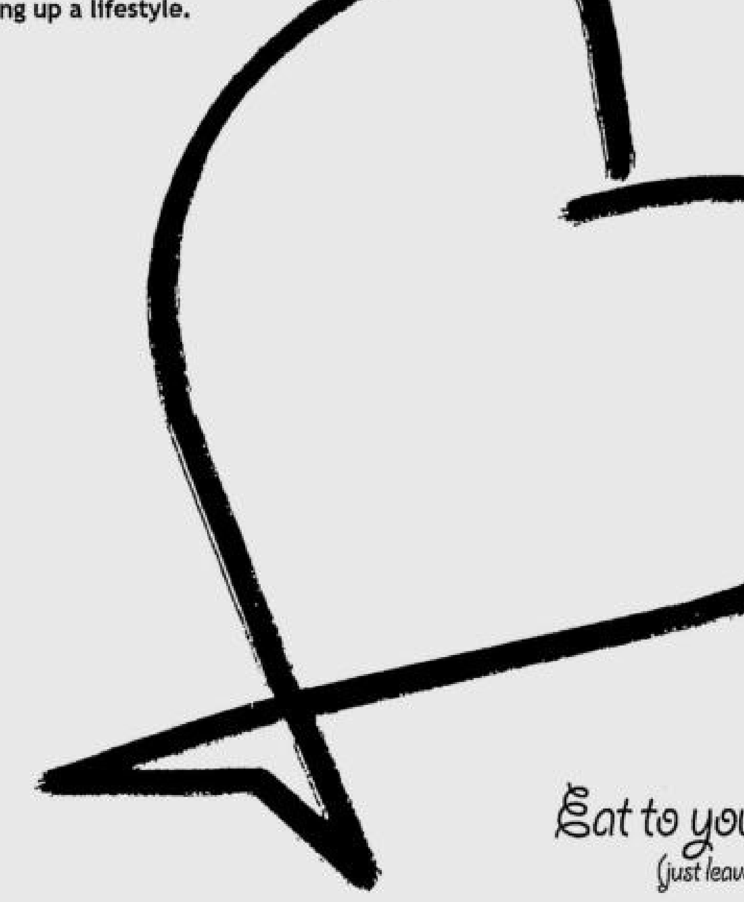

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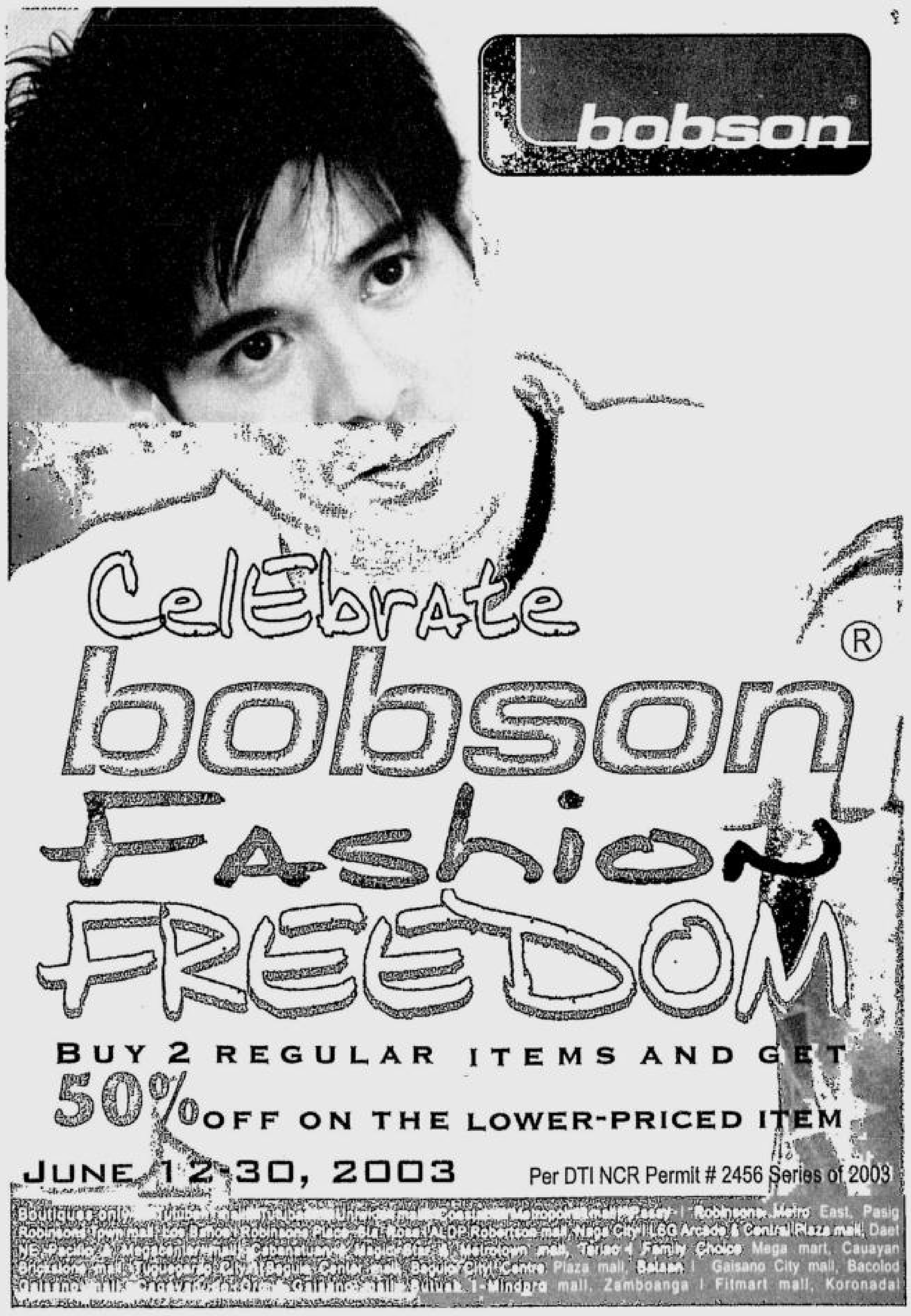

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# How to choose good meat

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**Go for firm and lean meat.** Animals that enjoy proper nutrition and medication yield meats that are firm and not soft, with a pinkish, rosy hue and fine-grained, not watery, fibers. Hogs and cattle that are fed with just about anything produce meat that are tough and fatty. Before buying the meat, examine its consistency closely.

**Check for cleanliness.** To make sure the meat you get is clean, safe and of high quality, choose only those which are produced from a slaughter plant that has consistently passed the standards of all government regulating agencies such as the Department of Agriculture–National Meat Inspection Commission (DA-NMIC), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

While meat in itself is sterile, major factors such as the people handling it, the condition of the plant or facility, and the processes and practices that are involved in its production may result in contaminated finished products that can cause food-borne illnesses (or FBIs).

To prevent FBIs, always practice good personal hygiene, remember to clean and sanitize food contact surfaces regularly, maintain hygienic slaughtering processes and observe correct product handling (such as chilled storage and transport).

Monterey is a company that maintains stringent manufacturing standards for its meat products, from the breeding and raising of choice hogs and cattle, to meat processing and packaging, to the specialized customer care at neighborhood Monterey meatshops.

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THE PROACTIVE Center for Training will conduct a "Managing a Restaurant/Canteen" seminar-workshop on June 16-26 (excluding weekends), 2-6 p.m., at Sari-Sari Cafeteria, Fuente Circle, Eastwood City, Libis, QC.

The seminar is open to restaurateurs, hoteliers, resort and canteen operators and those planning to open their own food-service business.

The training will cover such topics as planning the concept, menu, location, layout and equipment; hygiene and sanitation; human resource development; and cost control, among others.

Facilitating the training will be food-service consultants, restaurant and hotel executives, and professors of hotel and restaurant management.

Only 20 participants will be accepted. Seminar fee is P5,500 per participant, inclusive of field trip to equipment and food suppliers in Metro Manila, manual, handouts, snacks, certificate of completion and workshop materials.

Call 787-6370 or (0916) 822-6053.

# Pinoy favorites jazzed up

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minutes more. Then add the boiled carrots and potatoes. Add water if necessary to correct the thickness of the sauce.

## Binagoongang Pata ng Baboy

1 pc front *pata*, chopped into serving portions
½ kg pork cubes (*kasim* or *pigue*)
¼ c olive oil
¼ c minced garlic
1 c chopped onions
1 c chopped tomatoes
1 pc bay leaf (laurel)
½ c bottled *bagoong*
1 tbsp dark brown sugar
¼ c red wine vinegar
½ c water
additional water to tenderize the pork
black pepper to taste
1-2 tbsp chili sauce
½ kg Chinese *kangkong*, sliced into 2-inch lengths and boiled until tender

Half-fill a stockpot with water. Allow to boil and then add the *pata*. Allow to boil for 5 minutes. Drain and repeat the procedure two more times. Half-fill another stock pot with water. Allow to boil and then add the pork cubes. Allow to boil for 5 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a large stockpot. Sauté the garlic, onions and tomatoes in olive oil until the onions are limp. Add the laurel and the parboiled pork. Sauté for a few seconds and then stir in the *bagoong*, the brown sugar, the red wine vinegar and the water. Allow to boil and then simmer until tender. Add water as necessary to tenderize the pork, ½ cup at a time to maintain the quality of the sauce.

As soon as the pork is tender, season with black pepper and chili sauce to taste. When ready to serve, stir in the boiled *kangkong*.

## Salmon-Head Sinigang

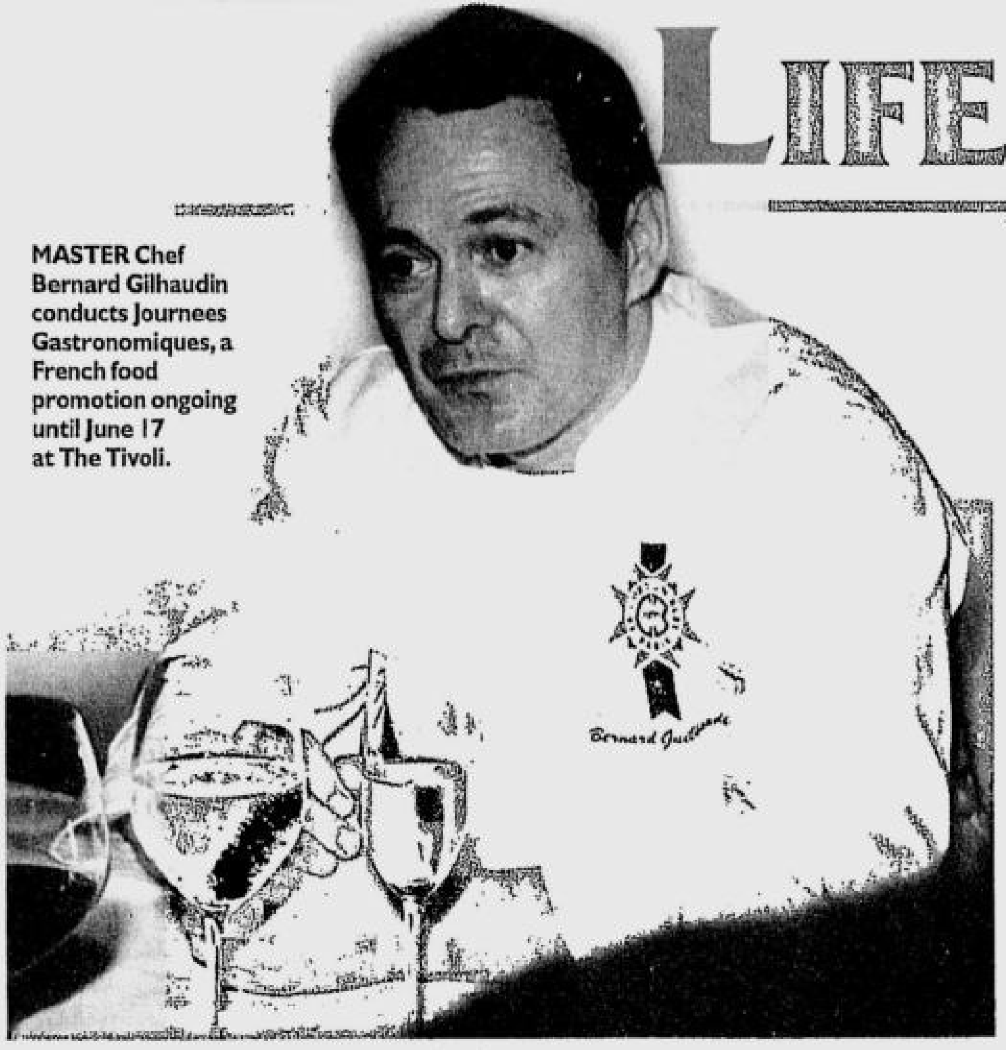
2-20 g packs *sinigang sa sampaloc* mix
1 kg salmon head, cleaned and chopped into serving pieces
1 c sliced onions
1 c sliced tomatoes
½ of a cabbage, sliced into 2-inch pieces
1 carrot, peeled and sliced into rounds

Boil 6 cups of water in a stockpot. Use 8 cups if the *sinigang sa sampaloc* mix is being used. Add the onions and the tomatoes. Allow to boil briefly until the onions are quite limp. Then add the carrots. Allow to boil until almost tender. Add the cabbage and boil again until almost tender. Add the fish head and the *sinigang* mix. Allow to boil and then simmer for 3-5 minutes.

*Dorothy MJ Ferreria offers cooking and baking classes at Dorothy's Cooking School in New Manila, Quezon City. Call 721-7735.*

# LIFEST

Tastes



MASTER Chef Bernard Gilhaudin conducts Journees Gastronomiques, a French food promotion ongoing until June 17 at The Tivoli.

# Defining and meeting a master chef

At best, a chef is a lover, for cooking involves emotion and passion, understanding and devotion

WHEN does one deserve to be called a "chef"? With today's popularity of culinary schools, more and more people who take even short culinary courses claim to be chefs. I know that it takes certain standards and lots of hard work and time to become a chef, but it seems anyone working in a kitchen wearing a white kitchen uniform can be called a chef.

I SAN

**KITCHEN RESCUE**

*Reggie Aspiras*

What a beautiful question this is!

The dictionaries define the word "chef" as a head cook or someone who cooks. I am quite saddened by the artless description to a word, which is synonymous to and as sacred to me as a master at work.

If we were to stick to the word's definition, then, yes, a chef is just someone who cooks. As there are chefs who just cook, there are masters. The masters are those who have gone through the depths of their being and have used the art of cooking as a means of self-expression. The expression of one's self goes through many phases as life takes us toward different bends. And so the big picture on the canvas takes a lifetime to depict, to perfect. The Master is moved by the constant desire to better himself or herself and his or her craft. It's the constant yearning to learn, experiment and experience the wonders of good food, fresh ingredients, culinary techniques coupled with God given talent (a great factor here) that spell all the difference.

Yet simply put, my favorite definition is this: At best, a chef is a lover, for cooking is like loving... it involves emotion and passion, understanding and devotion. It is something that requires total patience, dedication and commitment to achieve its perfection.

## French star

Speaking of master chefs, I have been privileged to have interviewed master chef Bernard Guilhaudin who has been at the helm of several Michelin-certified dining establishments in France, which includes the Vivarois, three stars Michelin; Le Chat Grippe, Michelin guide; Laurent, two stars Michelin; and the La Tour d'Argent, two stars Michelin, to name a few.

He is in Manila for the Journees Gastronomiques, the Mandarin Oriental's French food promotion. I suggest you all go and sample his repertoire, which, in a word, is best described as phenomenal. Catch him while he's in Manila. Remember, the exchange rate is now P53+=$1. Comes out much cheaper!

Chef Bernard shared one of his most popular creations with me. It was during one of

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**STEPHANIE** Zubiri ( left) was a recent guest chef of Restaurant 12. Karen Yang (right), daughter of George Yang of McDonald's, shared the busy open kitchen scene with her. This is not the first time 12 did the guest chef spin. It started with Eddie Lugtu who did Japanese fare for a month.

**BAKE SHOP OPENS 2 NEW OUTLETS**
The French Baker opened recently two new branches. Located at Pure Gold Price Club in Valenzuela and Pure Gold Price Club in Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga, the new branches are The French Baker's 26th and 27th outlets, respectively. The French Baker now has 27 stores in Metro Manila, Pampanga and Metro Cebu.

# Hot sangria evenings

**NEW CHEF ON THE BLOCK**
Astoria Plaza recently appointed Emmanuel M. Manansala as its new executive chef. An award-winning chef, he has gained extensive trade experience from the hospitality industry through top restaurants here and abroad for the past 34 years.

## TASTEMAKERS

CASA Armas recently introduced "Hot Sangria Nights" at 3/L of Greenbelt 3 in Makati, and the G/L of the Podium in Pasig City. The "test audience" gamely tried the special concoction by Jesus Armas. That Friday, there was a nonstop serving of sangria, which guests found out to be the perfect beverage to down the restaurant's famous tapas.

"Hot Sangria Nights" happens every Friday from 10 p.m. onwards at Casa Armas Podium in Ortigas and Greenbelt 3 Makat City.

FIGARO, located at the G/F of City Center Strip Mall along Ortigas Avenue (near Xavier and ICA), is open to serve joggers for breakfast, caters to the business community as a meeting venue and is ideal for parents who meet up with their kids after class. This Figaro franchise is managed by Johann and Ellen Chua.

MAMA-Rosa Restaurant celebrates Philippine Independence Day with a dinner buffet on June 12 and 13, featuring the favorite dishes of six of our heroes who fought for an independent Filipino nation-state.

The dishes and the heroes associated with them are Tinolang Manok (Jose Rizal), Pochero (Marcelo H. del Pilar), Nilitsong Manok (Andres Bonifacio), Adobong Igat or éel (Gregoria de Jesus), Kare-Kare (Pio Valenzuela) and Braised Asparagus (Emilio Aguinaldo).

The menu was developed with the help of food historian Mila Enriquez, who will be the guest of honor at the June 12 dinner at Mama Rosa in Eastwood City. The same menu at P350 per person will also be available in the other Mama Rosa restaurant in Timog corner Morato Avenue, QC.

Call 421-2475 to 76 (Eastwood City) or 372-6591 (Timog).

**OPEN FORUM AT PODIUM**
Johnnie Walker recently sponsored the opening of Forum at the 3rd level of the Podium in Mandaluyong City. Guests at the opening were delighted as they listened and danced to the live music of Passage, Mullato, Rockin' Revival, Pido with Take One, Divas and Time and a Half. Enjoying the party were (from left) owner Larry Valdez, Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos, actress Mickey Ferriols, Sen. Ralph Recto, Jeannie Sandoval and Johnny Litton. Also present were Jean Saburit, Vivian Velez, Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, Carmen Tan and Yeng Guiao.

**'PARTEA' IN BORACAY**
Gentxt recently played host to a beach party sponsored by Lipton Ice Tea at Club Summer Place in Boracay. Lucky Lipton drinkers received giveaways such as beach towels, tank tops, sunglasses, beach tote bags, fisherman's hats and sun visors.

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# Trade show offers what Filipino consumer 'likes'

AMONG consumers in the whole Asia Pacific region, Filipinos have the highest acceptance of imported goods. That is what trade records compiled by different groups say, whether we like it or not. The trade records sell us to world producers as a lucrative market for their goods. Here's what else the trade records say about us:

- Filipino consumers are very conscious, familiar and aware of brands, trends and innovations in foreign food products.
- The Filipino consumers' increasing affluence and growing urbanization are shown by acquired taste for imported products like wine, non-alcoholic beverages, confectionery and meat products.
- The increasing number of working women in urban centers is complemented by an increasing reliance on ready-to-cook meals and take-out food.
- Filipino consumers are known to eat five times a day. They tend to eat in-between meals.

**READY**-to-serve products for folks with no time to cook

**COOKING** demo for meat products from USA

**THE CONSUMER**

*Marietta Velasco Giron*

How big is the Filipino market for imported food products? According to trade data, the segment is 15-million strong, about 15 to 20 percent of the country's population. Personal consumption expenditure has also grown steadily: 3.6 percent in 2001; 4 percent in 2002; and an estimated 4.5 percent in 2003.

In short, the increasing affluence of local consumers, their growing urbanization, and their heightened taste for imported goods are expected to lure foreign food producers to the Philippine market. Add import trade liberalization, and we can expect a glut in imported goods.

Right now, about 64 percent of agriculture—food imports come from only four countries—Australia, Canada, New Zealand and United States. Expect a wider range of products to flood the market with the heightened promotion of these four major exporting countries, the latest of which was the trade fair "World's Finest Foods" held on June 3 and 4 at the Hotel Intercontinental.

## Trendy goods

Mostly high-end products for urban consumers were featured at the trade fair, no doubt influenced by the reports' Filipino consumer profile. Highly visible were wines, confectionery, innovative dairy products, organically grown products, tea bags for aromatherapy, health juices, meat cuts etc.

Cholesterol-free. Sugar-free. Low fat. Yeast-free. These were the catch phrases splashed on majority of the products. We noticed certified 100-percent organic potato chips and tortillas promoted as low-fat products by local distributor Resource Point, Inc. Australia's Kurrajong Kitchens exhibited snack cookies, bread sticks, and mini toasts that were labeled yeast-free, no sugar added, fat-free, cholesterol-free.

Urbanization and growing affluence have given Filipinos a taste for imported food products

**NEW** line of healthful snack food

**SOME** of the world's finest snack food at trade fair

A familiar brand, the dairy milk brand Harvey Fresh, carried a new line of innovative products. Expected to make it big in the health buff's market, for example, are the specialized milks for lactose-intolerant consumers.

Many Filipinos suffer from lactose-intolerance, the body's inability to break down the important lactose component (sugar in milk), a major reason why they do not drink as much milk as other ethnic groups. Also available is the Harvey Fresh 100 percent carrot juice without preservative and sugar.

Hoping to break into the local market is the Rosabrook brand of fine wine from the famous Margaret River region of Australia. Local wine drinkers got a taste of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Rose, Merlot and Shiraz.

**ROSABROOK** wine from a vineyard by the famous Margaret River in Western Australia

The trade show, unfortunately, was not open to the public. Invited were industry people, specifically from the food manufacturing and processing companies, department stores, supermarkets, food store chains, the food service departments of deluxe hotels and restaurant chains.

For more product information, get in touch with the following: Australian Trade Commission at 757-8143; Canadian Trade Commissioner Service at 867-0104; Trade New Zealand at 891-4625; US Department of Agriculture at 887-1137/53.

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# Oldest US coffee and tea retailer opens in Makati

THE COFFEE Bean & Tea Leaf, the oldest and largest privately held importers, roasters and multi-unit retailers of specialty coffee and tea in the United States is expanding its South East Asian arm with the opening of the Philippine branch at the ground level of Greenbelt III, Ayala Center in Makati City.

The store is the first of the planned 22 retail outlets slated to open in the country within the next five years.

The internationally-recognized company conquered the Asian market in 1996 when the first Singapore outlet opened. This initial foray outside California quickly mushroomed into over 100 stores located within the region.

The Philippines became the next logical step in the company's South East Asian expansion because of its receptiveness to global brands and its overwhelming acceptance of designer drinks as the symbol of urban consumerism.

Armed with more than 20 years of food and beverage experience, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Philippines, Inc. is handled by managing director Walden Chu. The company is responsible for the local success of Hong Kong's Banana Leaf Curry House.

Chu has expressed confidence in carving a Philippine niche for the Coffee Bean, adhering to the principle of delivering the total quality experience to its customers. The regional patronage of the Coffee Bean franchise is a forecast of how it will fare in the local market.

The cult celebrity following of Hollywood and pop stars for The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf in the United States is expected to be duplicated in the Philippines, with its non-corporate, home-away-from-home approach in marketing the coffee experience. Its established reputation as the leading innovator in coffee products is headlined by the Original Ice Blended. Other unique offerings such as the Chai Latte Drinks are also projected to make a considerable dent in the fiercely competitive local coffee scene.

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# Defining and meeting a master chef

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his culinary stints in Brazil that Chef Brenard was inspired by Bahia, thus the masterpiece Crispy Shrimp with Sauce Bahiannaise. As he did not give me the proportions, I have taken the liberty of figuring them out for you.

### Crispy Shrimp with Sauce Bahiannaise

1 c shrimps, peeled and deveined
¼ c fresh basil leaves
Salt and pepper
Spring roll wrappers

Season shrimps with salt and pepper. Put shrimps on rice paper, sprinkle with fresh basil. Fry until golden brown. Serve with Sauce Bahiannaise

**Sauce Bahiannaise:**
¼ c mangoes, chopped
¼ c kiwi, chopped
2 tsp light soy sauce
1 c mayonnaise
Cayenne pepper to taste

Combine ingredients in a bowl, season to taste with salt and pepper serve with spring rolls.

**Last August, when I was in the US, my cousins brought me to this El Salvadorean restaurant somewhere in Daly City (the name of which escapes me at the moment). They had me try this shrimp cocktail, and wanted me to guess the ingredients of the tomato-based sauce it had. It was so very flavorful that it intrigued me no end. That is why, I'm asking you for the recipe of the shrimp cocktail, which I've promised to send to my cousins in America.**

LECK OF PAMPANGA

If you're referring to a shrimp cocktail that is of Latin American heritage, the only thing that comes to mind is *ceviche*. *Ceviche* is popular throughout the Latin American countries and is, so to speak, like our *kilawin*.

The seafood is cooked in citrus juice or a combination of juices, usually lemon, lime or sour orange. The acid and the salt prevent the growth of organisms in the seafood, thus softening the fibers as they penetrate. Other ingredients used, depending on the origin of the *ceviche* are hot peppers, green peppers, garlic and onion.

Like the Filipino *adobo*, each country has a touch all of its own; it varies by the garnish and by what it is served with. In Peru, it is served with slices of cold sweet potatoes or corn-on-the-cob; iIn Mexico, with red onions and toasted tortillas; in Panama with salted crackers; in Ecuador with popcorn, potato chips, nuts or the giant corn kernels.

*Ceviche* is an appetizer done not just with shrimps, but with a variety of seafood as well. Since you mentioned the tomato-based sauce, this is one of the best I've ever done.

### Ceviche

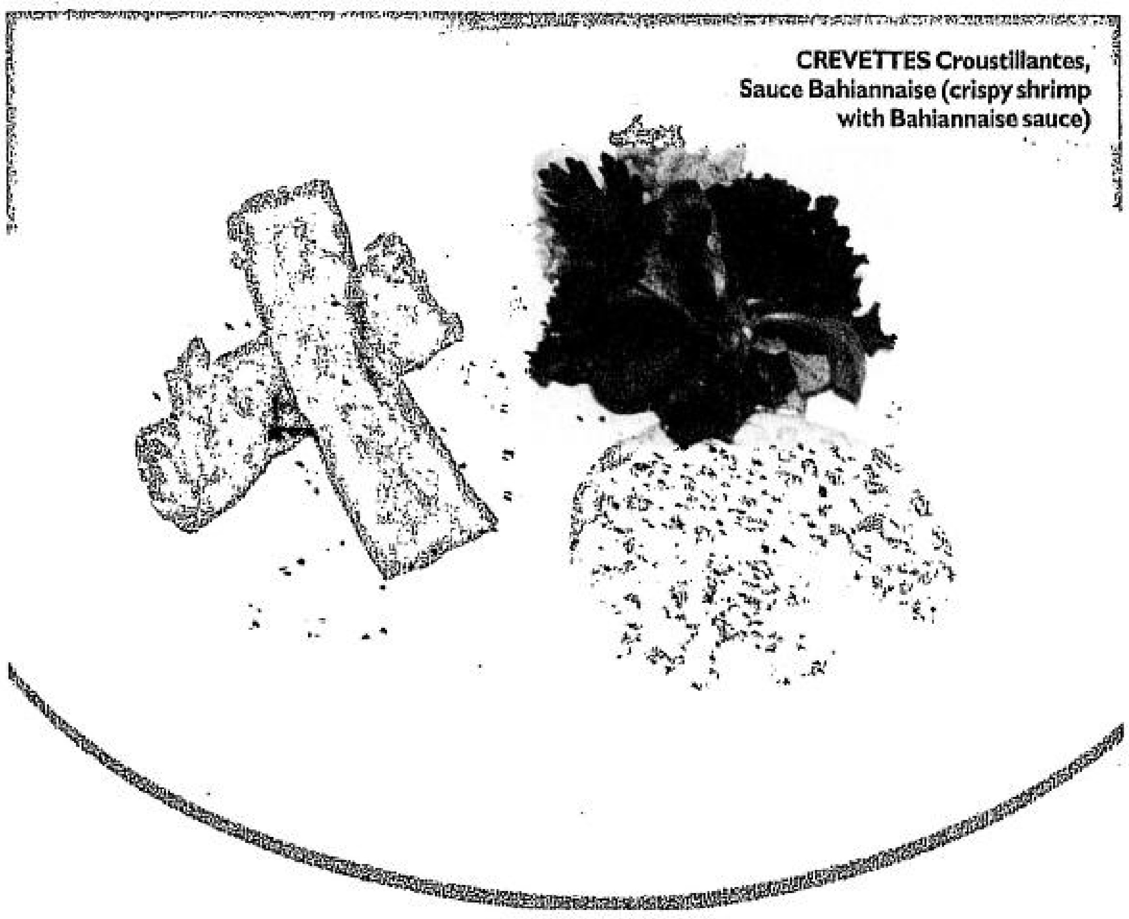
½ kg shrimp (the freshest you could find) peeled, de-veined and washed

Drain shrimps and set aside. Bring water with salt and the juice of 1 lime or lemon to a boil, poach shrimps, about a minute. Drain and set aside, make sauce.

**Sauce:**
1 large tomato, roasted peeled and seeded
1 jalapeno pepper, roasted peeled and seeded
1 red bell pepper, roasted peeled seeded
½ medium onion, roasted
¼ c fresh lime juice
¼ c lemon juice
½ c fresh orange juice
¼ tomato juice

Season to taste with Tabasco, sugar, salt and pepper

Combine the roasted vegetables, the juices and purée until smooth. Season to taste with Tabasco, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the shrimps and let marinate at least three hours. Serve on cocktail glasses and garnish with sliced red onion, chopped chives, sliced leeks, cilantro sprigs and chopped onions. Serve with either of the accompaniments I've mentioned above.



CREVETTES Croustillantes, Sauce Bahiannaise (crispy shrimp with Bahiannaise sauce)

**Please tell me where I can find arborio rice. What actually is arborio rice? Is it available in our country? Is it the same as our *malagkit* rice? Can *malagkit* be used as a substitute for recipes that call for Arborio rice?**

DITAS PACHECO

As of late, Arborio rice has been a hot topic of conversation on Kitchen Rescue. It will take a while before I write about it again. So for all you risotto lovers, hope you get a hold of this issue.

Arborio rice is the most popular type of grain used for risotto. There are other Italian rice varieties such as Carnaroli and Vialone Nano, which are used for risotto as well. These three grains are high in starch content; the starch is released as you gradually stir the hot stock in, giving the mixture that fine creamy texture that is a prerequisite to risotto.

No, *malagkit* rice will not do. *Malagkit* rice is sticky, not creamy. Nor will you get the same result with regular white rice. You'll have flavored rice that may taste delicious, but it will not be "creamy" risotto.

Arborio is readily available in delis such as Santi's (which I happen to own, hahaha!), Gourmand in Alabang and Terry's.

**Hi! What is "1 cup plus" in your Blueberry Muffin recipe? Is it honey brown sugar?**

TISH JOCSON

Hello Tish and to all those who've written me about the typo error on the Blueberry Muffin recipe. Sorry! Yes it is 1 cup honey brown sugar + about ¼ cup to sprinkle on top of the muffins before baking. The brand of my honey brown sugar is Peotraco.

For those who've requested for my cooking class schedules, it is posted elsewhere in this section.

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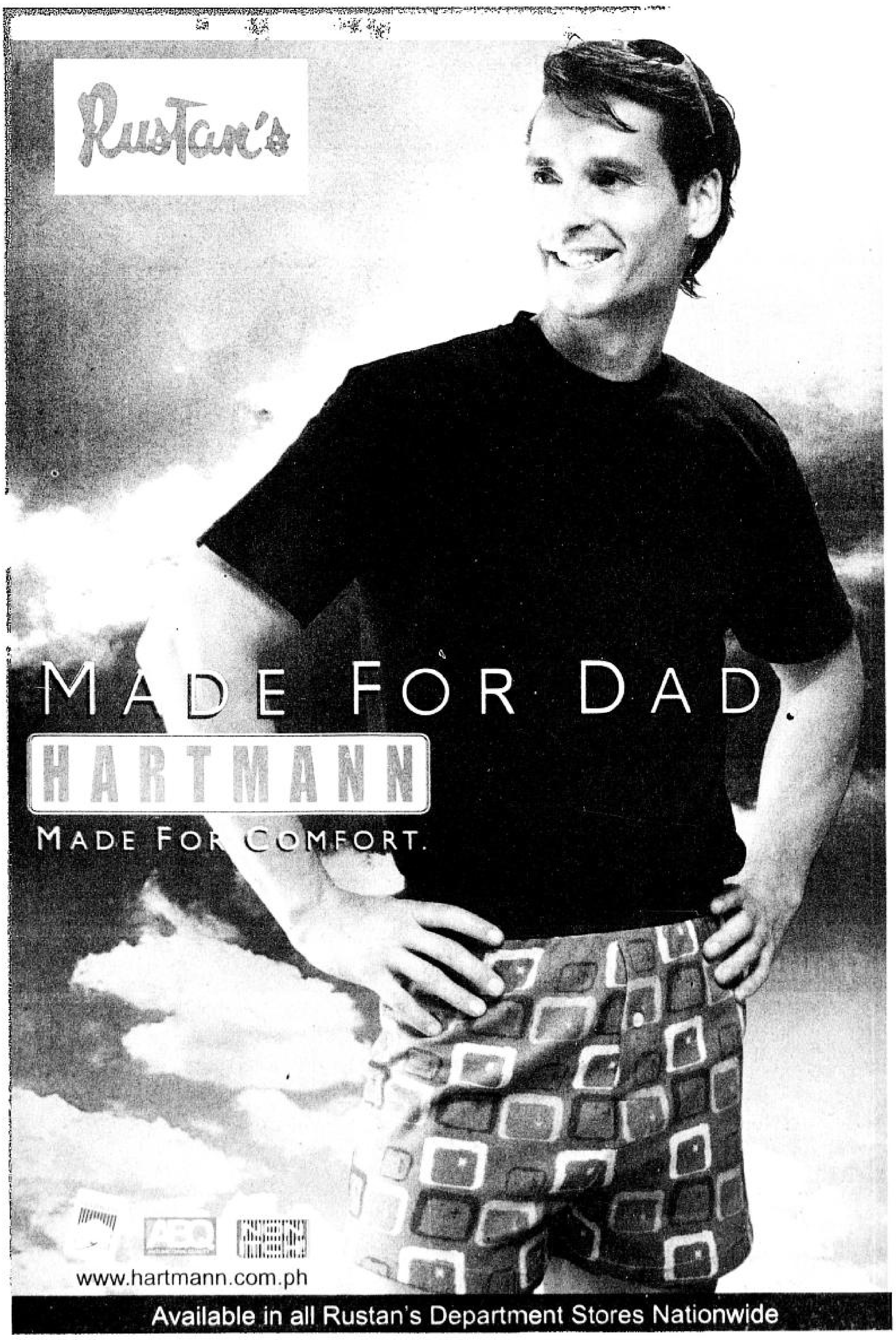

NUTTY Pancake

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Each recipe was developed and tested by Nestlé Consumer Services at the Julius Maggi Kitchen.

### Bangus Condensada

(*Boneless bangus belly marinated in Carnation Condensada*)

400 g boneless bangus belly
300 ml Carnation Condensada
1 ½ tbsp chopped celery
salt to taste
cooking oil for frying

Combine all ingredients except cooking oil. Marinate for at least an hour or overnight. Heat oil and fry *bangus* until golden brown, drain. Serve with rice.

### Nutty Pancake

(*Pancake with peanut butter*)

1 c all-purpose flour
2/3 c white sugar
2 tsp baking powder
½ c Carnation Evap
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/3 c creamy peanut butter

Mix flour, sugar and baking powder. Pour in Carnation Evaporated Milk and add the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly until smooth. Cook by 1/3 c into non-stick pan. Serve with hotcake syrup.

### Coco Sticks

(*White bread sticks dredged in coconut-sesame seeds and toasted to crispness*)

1/3 c Carnation Condensada
1 egg, slightly beaten
2/3 c toasted sesame seeds
½ c dessicated coconut
4 pcs white bread, sliced into 3 bars

Combine Carnation Condensada and egg. Blend well. Combine sesame seeds and dessicated coconut. Blend well. Dip bread bars in milk-egg mixture, but do not soak. Roll in coconut mixture. Toast in moderate oven until slightly brown.

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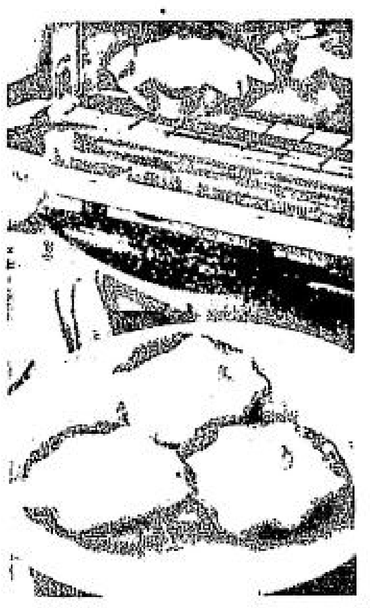

EGG Cups

### Egg Cups

*(Eggs in salami cups with cottage cheese)*

6 eggs
dashes of Maggi Flavor-It Meat Powder, Pork
6 pc cooked salami (sliced ham may also be used)
6 tbsp Nestlé Cottage Cheese, drained

Brush muffin cups with butter. Arrange salami into muffin cups. Put about 1 tbsp cottage cheese in each cup. Break one egg into a cup or bowl, pour into prepared muffin cup. Do the same for the remaining eggs and muffin cups. Sprinkle a dash of Maggi Flavor-It Meat Powder into each egg. Cook in an oven toaster for 10 minutes or until egg is set.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

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# Not one, but 6 declarations of statehood

**By Diana A. Galang**

THE PHILIPPINES had been invaded, empowered and under control for hundreds of years by different colonizers such as Spanish, Japanese, and American. Filipinos, being by nature a freedom loving people, did not just sit and stare on the injustices, abuses, discriminations and oppressions happening to them. The Filipinos fought for freedom and actually declared independence not only once. As the late well respected Esteban de Ocampo once written, the Philippines has **six independence days.**

The first proclamation was on April 12, 1895 in the cave of Pamitinan, Montalban, Rizal. Andres Bonifacio, together with Emilio Jacinto, Guillermo Masangkay, Restituto Javier and other active Katipuneros held a secret meeting in the said cave. They found that the location was safe and they decided to hold initiation rites there. As they went farther they found themselves isolated from the turbulent society. Using a piece of charcoal they wrote with trembling hands the words, "Long Live Philippine Independence." They put their names on the wall as a seal of this declaration.

The second declaration was in Balintawak on Aug. 23, 1896. Days after the Katipunan was discovered by the Spaniards, they had a meeting on their action plan. A thousand of katipuneros and the Supremo gathered in Balintawak. After the debate, Bonifacio shouted, "Brothers do you swear to repudiate the government that oppresses us?" The people shouted, "Yes sir!" Then he asked them to bring out their *cedulas* and tear them, while doing this they shouted, "Long live the Philippine Independence."

The third time the Filipinos affirmed their right to statehood was on Oct. 31, 1896, in Kawit, Cavite. Aguinaldo issued his first two manifestos that held rebels and civilians together and appealed to his countrymen to fight for freedom.

FIRST MANIFESTO pertinent portion reads:

"Filipinos! Open your eyes! Let the innocent blood of your brothers, victims of Spanish hatred, leave in your hearts a lasting impression. Let this our innocent blood and the countless tyrannies of our enemies, served from now on as the insurmountable barrier between Spain and the Philippines. What crime have we committed except the ambition to see ourselves free?

SECOND MANIFESTO pertinent portion reads:

"Filipinos!. . .the time has come for us to shed blood in order to win our right to Freedom. Let us march under the flag of the revolution whose watchwords are Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

The fourth time liberation was declared was the date that we are celebrating up to now. It was June 12, 1898 in Kawit, Cavite, more than a month after the American forces under the leadership of Admiral George Dewey destroyed the Spanish armada in Manila Bay. About 4 to 5 in the afternoon, people filled the main streets surrounding the Aguinaldo mansion in Calle Real. From the balcony of the house a tri-color from Hong Kong made by Marcela Mario Agoncillo and daughter Lorenza and Delfina Herbosa de Natividad, was hoisted and the "Acta de la Proclamacion de In-

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Jollibee: Proud to BEE Pinoy

FILIPINOS are known as a warm and hospitable bunch of people. But there's more beyond the jovial nature of our *kababayans*. There are various factors that make us distinctly Filipino. This Independence Day let us look at a few things that we, Filipinos, can be proud of.

**'Bayanihan'.** We have a "Good Samaritan" culture. Aside from our immediate family, our sense of kinship extends to our neighbors. Whenever there is someone in need, we go out of our way to lend a helping hand.

**Festivals.** Fiestas highlight our local color and traditions at its best. It also shows our religiosity and our deep sense of faith.

**Conviviality.** We are always the life of the party and we will amuse and entertain with songs, dances or anecdotes to no end.

**Sense of Humor.** In the face of adversary or calamity, Filipinos always find humor in every situation. We would smile and laugh amid problems.

**Culinary Delights.** Food is always the centerpiece in every gathering. From humble farmers' abode to posh palatial residences, expect Filipinos to clear the plates as you serve *adobo, tinola* and *sinigang*.

**Patriotism.** There's a saying that "you can take a Filipino out of the Philippines but you can never take the Philippines from a Filipino." Our sense of nationalism is evident in our wholehearted love for things that represent our being a Filipino like wearing the Barong Tagalog, and the Baro't Saya.

**Jollibee.** For 25 years, Jollibee has been an integral part of every important moment in a Filipino family. From a simple Sunday outing to extravagant birthday celebrations, you can count on Jollibee to spread joy and fun that brings delight and cherished memories in the hearts and minds of every Filipino, both young and old. The delicious Jollibee products have found their unique place in the Pinoy's multi-cultural culinary palates. The *langhap-sarap* Yumburger with its soft bun and 100-percent pure beef is so delectable that just a bite of it would bring you to cloud nine. The crispylicious, juicylicious Chickenjoy is the all-time favorite with its crusty chicken skin, lip-smacking chicken meat and its mouth-watering aroma that will bring you to the edge of your seat. The appetizing Spaghetti Special tastes so right with its meaty sauce and its Filipino tang that will make you proud to be Pinoy. To top these all, the crunchy Jolly Twirl that comes in four different flavors will soothe your yearning for a cool and delightful treat that you will definitely come back for more.

Certainly, there are particular things we can do away with but there are others which truly stay with us and leave a mark making us Filipinos to the very core. Even abroad, Jollibee has become a haven for Filipinos in reminding them of Philippines with Jollibee's at-home ambiance. For foreigners, the warm and welcoming smile of the crew draws them to Jollibee for the taste and feel that is noticeably Filipino.

So, whether we point with our lips or we greet someone with our eyebrows, we are truly Filipino. Inside out, we are proud of what we are and what we have become. Jollibee joins every Pinoy this Independence Day as it pays tribute to the Filipino. At 25, Jollibee continues to spread its "Feeling Jollibee"...*walang kasing sarap ang maging Pinoy!* .

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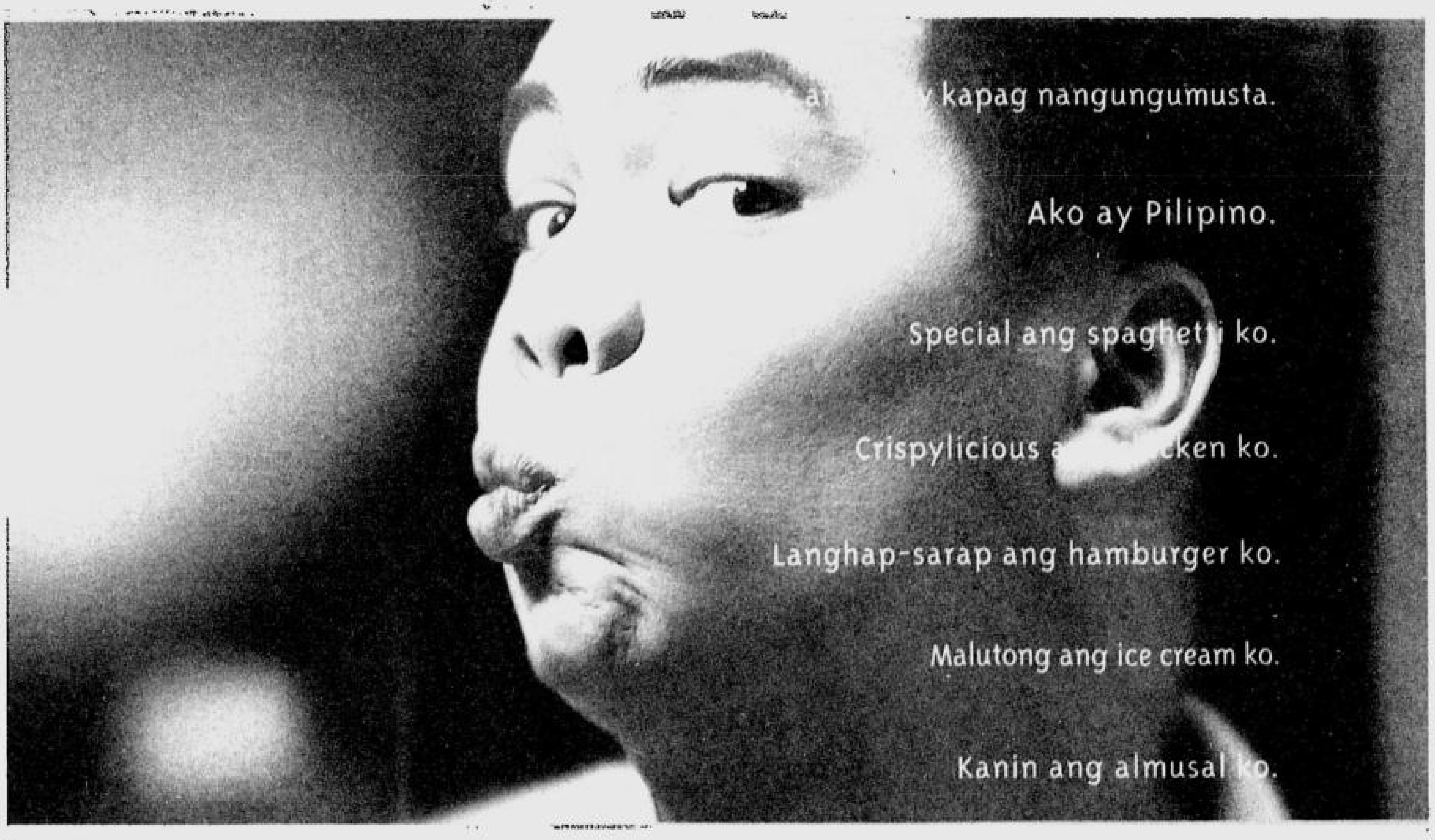
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Kanin ang almusal ko.

Nakikiisa ang Jollibee sa pagdiriwang ng araw ng ating kalayaan.

### CHANGING DATES

# Why do we celebrate Independence Day on June 12?

EVERYONE knows what happened on June 12, 1898, the day when General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the Philippine Independence.

The event was accompanied with fitting celebration--the flag sewn by Marcela Agoncillo in Hongkong was hoisted; the band of San Francisco de Malabon played Julian Felipe's Marcha Nacional Filipina

Such a glorious day, but no one expected what would come next. War with America erupted, and as a result, the Philippines was subdued and did not have the chance to live the declared independence.

It took a long time for the proclamation of independence to be re-commemorated. It happened on June 12, 1940 when General Aguinaldo and the veterans of the revolution gathered at Luneta to commemorate the 1898 event. President Manuel L. Quezon as speaker said, "I am not the National Assembly but as long as I am President, I will make this day an official holiday by executive order..." Again, no one expected that on June 12, holidays would follow in the next years because of another war. Japan invaded the country in December 1941 and President Quezon was evacuated to the United States.

The war with the Japanese ended in 1945. On July 4, 1946, US President Harry S. Truman proclaimed the country's independence: "...in behalf of the United State of America, I do hereby recognize the independence of the Philippines as a separate and self-governing nation..."

His proclamation fulfilled America's commitment to grant us independence after years of transition.

That would have been good news! America finally dropped its hands from strangling this nation for decades but still, it did not make the Filipinos fully happy.

Because ever since President Truman's declaration and the enactment of Independence Act (Tydings-Mcduffie Law), the Philippines soon started celebrating its Independence Day every July 4. To the nationalists then, this was a lie.

Fortunately, not all Filipinos gave up easily. No matter how much the country had been tortured and battered by many wars with Spain, America, and Japan, not all her people were convinced of the Independence Day celebration on July 4.

There are always people in authority with sensibility to place things in the right perspective like what the Philippine Historical Association (PHA), President Diosdado Macapagal and members of the Congress did.

After World War II, Professor Gabriel F. Fabella, the retired history professor of UP and president of the PHA, initiated a resolution, petitioning "the President and the Congress of the Philippines to adopt and declare June 12 of every year as Independence Day for the Republic of the Philippines." It was unanimously signed by members of the PHA on March 24, 1960 and sent copies to President Garcia, Vice-President Diosdado Macapagal, the Congress, civic organizations, and the media.

The PHA Resolution stressed that the July 4 Independence Day would give impression to other nations the "subservience of the Filipinos to the United States of America." The PHA justified the historical and political correctness of the June 12 Independence saying that it was attested by historical documents and was ratified by the Revolutionary Congress of the First Philippine Republic.

When Vice President Macapagal became President, he issued Proclamation No. 28 on May 12, 1962, stressing that the June 12, 1898 event marked the "people's declaration and exercise of their right to self-determination, liberty and independence."

The President's move was highly commended by the political parties at that time, Liberal and Nacionalista, the civic organizations like the PHA.

Two years later, Representative Ramon Mitra Sr., of Mountain Province principally sponsored House Bill No. 3213 that endorsed the declaration by law of June 12 as Independence Day. Senator Ambrosio Padilla, in support of the bill, said that it "historically puts on record what should be and should have been really the fact that the Filipino people themselves proclaimed their independence..."

On August 4, 1964, the June 12 as Independence Day became one of the legal holidays of the Philippines under Republic Act. No. 4166 entitled: "An Act Changing the Date of Philippine Independence Day from July Fourth to June Twelve and Declaring July Four as Philippine Republic Day."

On June 12, 2003, the Republic of the Philippines will be observing the 105th Independence, and for sure, memories will be flooding back on how the Filipino heroes obtained our independence,

They gave us independence, what we do with it is the question.

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## *The Formula for a 'strong republic' according to Mabini*

**By Augusto V. de Viana, National Historical Institute**

THE IDEA of having a strong Philippine republic has its roots in the writing of our heroes more than a century ago. Writing as a prisoner of the Americans in 1901, Apolinario Mabini wrote his sentiments to the Philippine Central Committe in Hong Kong. According to him the form of government perfect for the Filipinos is a republic that is truly independent.

While the United States was still trying to crush the 1899 Philippine Republic, he said that the Filipinos should be willing to proclaim the United States as their liberator and the champion of the oppressed and responsible for the regeneration of the world. That is the course if the US and other word powers recognizes the independence of the Philippines.

In return Mabini proposed that the Filipinos would

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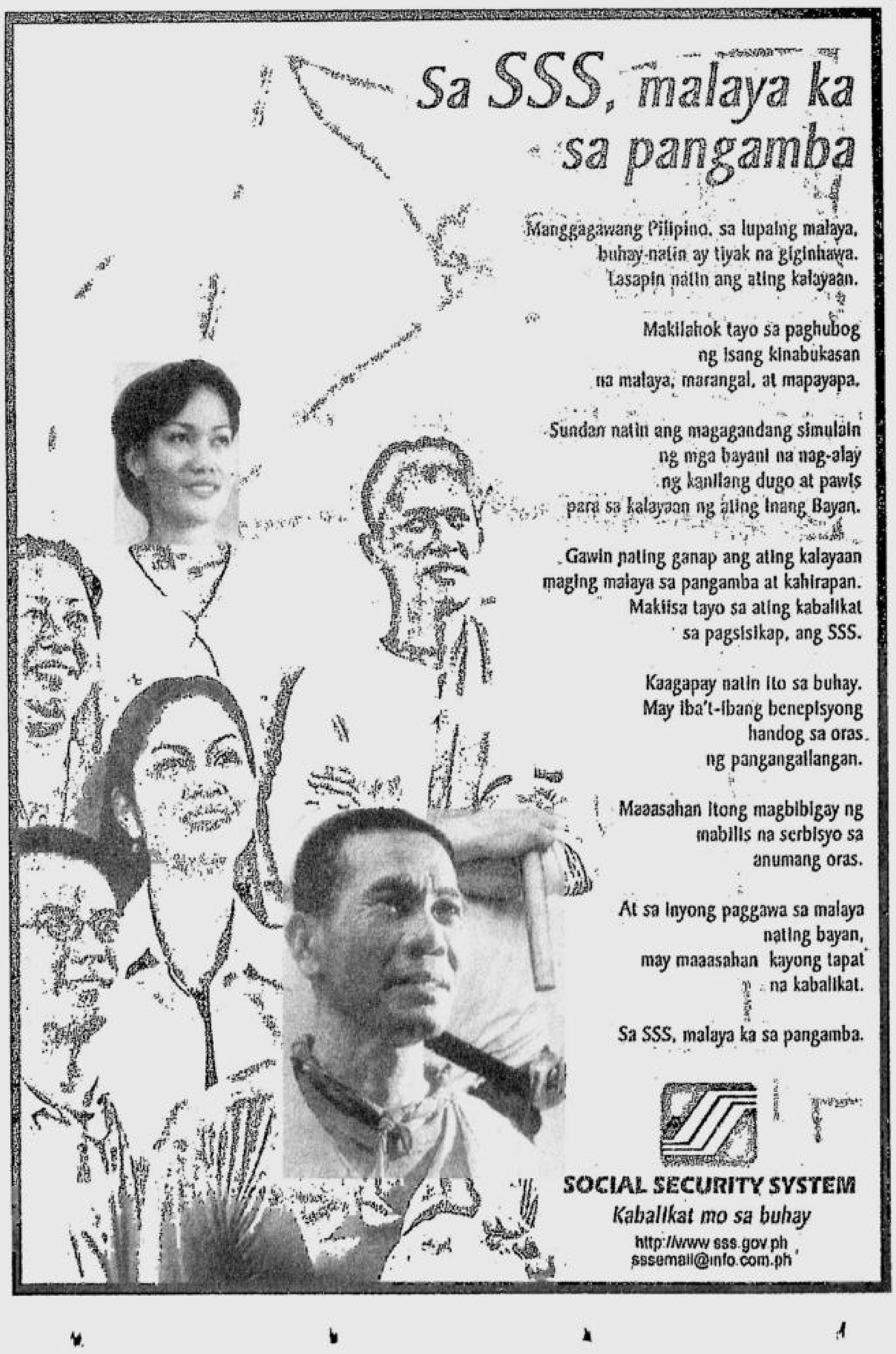

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# Not one, but 6 declarations of statehood

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It has always been a big issue whether June 12 or July 4 is the right date to celebrate our independence, until Proclamation No. 28 was issued on May 12, 1962 by then president Diosdado Macapagal, declaring June 12 as the Philippine Independence Day

dependencia del Pueblo" was read by Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista (political adviser of Aguinaldo and at the time Auditor of War.) A pertinent portion of the document reads:

"We proclaim and solemnly declare in the name of and by the authority of the inhabitants of all these Philippine islands, that they ate and have a right to be free and independent; that they are released from all obedience to the crown of Spain; that every political tie between the two is and must be completely severed and annulled; and that, like all free and independent states, they have a complete authority to declare war, make peace, establish commercial treaties, enter into alliances, regulate commerce and execute all other acts and things incumbent upon independent states. Having firm confidence in the protection of Divine Providence, we guarantee the support of this declaration of our lives, fortunes and most sacred that we have, honor."

This Act of Declaration was signed by 98 pertinent persons including Col LM Johnson, an American army officer. the national anthem "La Marcha Nacional Filipina (originally titled "Marcha Filipina Magdalo) was played for the first time by the Malabon Band under the conduction of its composer Julian Felipe,

The fifth was on Oct. 14, 1943, in Manila, when the Japanese-sponsored Republic was proclaimed, with Jose P. Laurel as the president. A pertinent portion of the proclamation reads:

"The Filipino people, though the Preparatory Commission for Philippine Independence, invoking the aid of Divine Providence and the hallowed spirits of Filipino patriots and martyrs who gave their lives for the freedom of their father land hereby proclaim to the world that they are, as of right they ought to be, a free and independent state and that for the defense of their territorial integrity and the preservation of their independent existence, they pledge their fortune, their lives and their sacred honor."

The sixth was on July 4, 1946, hundreds of thousands of Filipinos gathered in Quirino Granstand (Luneta) and witnessed the lowering of the stars and stripes and raising of the Philippine flag. Manuel A. Roxas was the president but the proclamation came from US President Harry Truman, he stated: ". . .I Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the aforesaid Act of Congress do proclaim that in accord with and subject of the reservations provided for in the applicable statues of the United States , the United States of America hereby withdraws and surrenders all rights of possession, supervision, jurisdiction, control of sovereignty now existing and exercised by the United States of America in and over the territory and people of the Philippines and on behalf of the United States of America I do hereby recognized the independence of the Philippines as a separate and self-governing nation and acknowledge the authority and control over the same of the Government instituted by the people thereof under the constitution now in force. . .

Whether we chose either of the two or other dates stated we should honor and commemorate it for our forefathers gave their lives in exchange for it. Indeed Filipinos love and fight for freedom and succeeded not only once. Now that we are free from invasion of other countries and with the condition of our country, can we really say that we are independent?

# The Philippine Flag: symbol of our sovereignty and solidarity

**By Carminda R. Arevalo, National Historical Institute**

THE FLAG is the country's most cherished symbol. It is the nation's emblem for freedom. It symbolizes patriotism, love of country, and sense of nationhood and embodies the aspirations and sentiments of the Filipino people in their unceasing quest for independence. It stands as an instrument on unity that binds the Filipino people.

Prior to the outbreak of the Philippine Revolution of 1896, the Filipinos had no national flag of their own. The only known flag to them was the Spanish flag. But when the Filipinos rose in revolt against Spain, each revolutionary group had its own banner. General Mariano Llanera's troops, for instance, used the "skull flag" in Nueva Ecija. Bonifacio himself had a personal standard.

Our early flags were those of the Katipunan. The first was made from a red piece of cloth with letters "K.K.K" arranged in a row in the center of the rectangular field. This flag was unfurled during the "First Cry of the Revolution" in August 1896. An early version of the Katipunan flag had three Ks arranged in an equilateral triangle. A flag with only one "K" later replaced this. The letter "K" was later changed to an ancient Tagalog "K" within the figure of a sun with eight rays.

During the Naic Assembly on March 17, 1897, another change was made in the flag. The ancient Tagalog "K" was replaced by a mythical sun, which remained in use until the signing of the Pact of Biak na Bato on Dec. 10, 1897. All these flags had a red background to signify the revolutionary character of the Katipunan.

It was during the preparation of the second phase of the Philippine Revolution (1898-1902) that the idea of coming up with a new flag was conceived by General Emilio Aguinaldo, President of the Revolutionary Government. Aguinaldo and other revolutionary leaders, then exiled in Hong Kong, painstakingly designed the flag. It was handsewn by Marcela Marino Agoncillo, wife of Don Felipe Agoncillo, at 535 Morrison Hill Road with the help of her daughter Lorenza and Delfina Herbosa Natividad, niece of Dr. Jose Rizal and wife of Gen. Salvador Natividad.

Made of silk, the flag had a white equilateral triangle at the left containing a sunburst or eight rays at the center, a five-pointed star at each angle of the triangle, an upper stripe of blue and a lower stripe of red. The sun stands for liberty; the sunburst of eight rays for the first eight provinces to take up arms against Spain; and the three stars for the three island groups of the Philippines--Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The white triangle signifies Filipino hope for equality; the upper blue stripe stands for peace, truth and justice; while the lower red stripe stands for the patriotism and valor.

General Aguinaldo brought the flag with him when he returned to the Philippines from Hong Kong on May 19, 1898. He unfurled it in public for the first time to celebrate the victory of the Filipino forces against the Spaniards during the Battle of Alapan on May 28, 1898.

It was, however, in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 1898, that the official hoisting of the flag took place during the proclamation of Philippine Independence by General Aguinaldo. During the unfurling, the music band of the San Francisco de Malabon played for the first time in the Marcha Nacional Filipina, composed by Julian Felipe, a Filipino music teacher and composer from Cavite. Later, the poem "Filipinas" by a young poet soldier Jose Palma became the lyrics of the anthem.

The same flag was flown with dignity during the inauguration of Malolos Congress on Sept. 15, 1898.

The Philippine flag stood as witness to the glorious events of our history. It encountered the most significant events in the Filipinos' struggle for freedom. And since it symbolizes our ideals and sentiments as a nation, it deserves to be treated with solemnity and dignity.

The display of the Philippine Flag from May 28 to June 12 of each year honors the sacrifices of our heroes for our hard-earned freedom. This is also a fitting respect and affection for our national flag--the symbol of our sovereignty and solidarity.

# *The Formula for a 'strong republic' according to Mabini*

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pay the United States the $20 million it paid Spain for the acquisition of the Philippines in the Treaty of Paris. He said that the money as well as other lesser amounts needed by the Philippines to become independent as a loan which will be paid from the income of the country. Writing in Hong Kong, Filipino diplomat Felipe Agoncillo agreed with Mabini's idea and proposed that the port of Manila should be used as a guarantee for such a loan.

Also, Mabini proposed that the US would be allowed duty free importation of its products to the Philippines. Fees will only be collected for personnel and supply expenses proportional to the quantity of other foreign imports until all debts are completely paid.

The Philippines should not grant any foreign government the permanent privilege to tap the country's mines, railways, and other industries but it should charge the products of countries like Japan, Germany, and Spain the lowest tariffs next to the US for a duration of time agreed with their respective governments. Private corporations of these countries would be given preference equal to the US for the temporary privilege of tapping Philippine mines and railways provided that they pay the Philippines in advance in a form of a loan to acquire ships to defend its coasts.

The world powers such as Germany, the US, and Japan should guarantee the neutrality of the Philippines. The Philippines should have strong armed forces with an army of 60,000 men patterned after Germany's. At that time, the German army under Chancellor Otto Von Bismarck was judged to the world's finest. The Germans would supply the Philippines equipment free of charge. the weaponry would be supplied by the Krupp Company was also the manufacturer of military hardware of the then German empire. In return the Philippines would provide Germany preference over the products of all other countries provided that they were of equal price and quality. Mabini suggested that the neutrality of the Philippines be formalized through a Peace Treaty concluded in Manila.

The Philippines, Mabini said, should study carefully the matter of granting the Americans naval bases because the Americans could use them to foment discord and rebellions, to justify their intervention and carry out a military occupation under of pretext of preserving the peace. He was willing to grant only one base, in the Batanes Islands.

Regarding the country's economy, Mabini said the Philippine economy should be strengthened. A people who are economically dependent on another country cannot be fully independent. He was wary of American companies which he considered as great monopolies. Any disagreement with them can be a cause for future armed hostilities.

In his time, the Philippine government was in great financial need to have the strength and force to fulfill its commitments. The people should be ready to make sacrifices if they desire to have actual nor only a nominal independence. Otherwise the people would prefer annexation to the United States with the advantages of an autonomous state.

Most importantly, Mabini underscored the need for a moral government "Independence is not enough." The government must be very moral and it should govern with truth and without deceit. It should comply with its promises to the people. It should not be lagging much behind nor too advanced and it should adapt to the culture and the growing needs of the people. To be in the extreme is vicious. A government that is patriotic is one that seeks the general welfare not of the individual or a privileged class. The government should do the best things appropriate for their general welfare. The science of governance does not consist of choosing the best and most perfect, but the most useful and appropriate.

Only in this way, according to Mabini, can we make our nation great. The nation should do away with all its vices. Freedom should never be abused. One is free only to do good, never evil. Freedom must always be in harmony with reason and the dictates of an upright and honest conscience. If we really mean to reconstruct our society on firm foundations, we must undertake a radical reform not only external but internal. This should provide a solid basis for our character formation. These, Mabini said, are fundamental truths that we must never forget. Otherwise the country will become weakened by civil war and domestic disagreements until it dies without the blood so generously shed by our heroes to save it from death.

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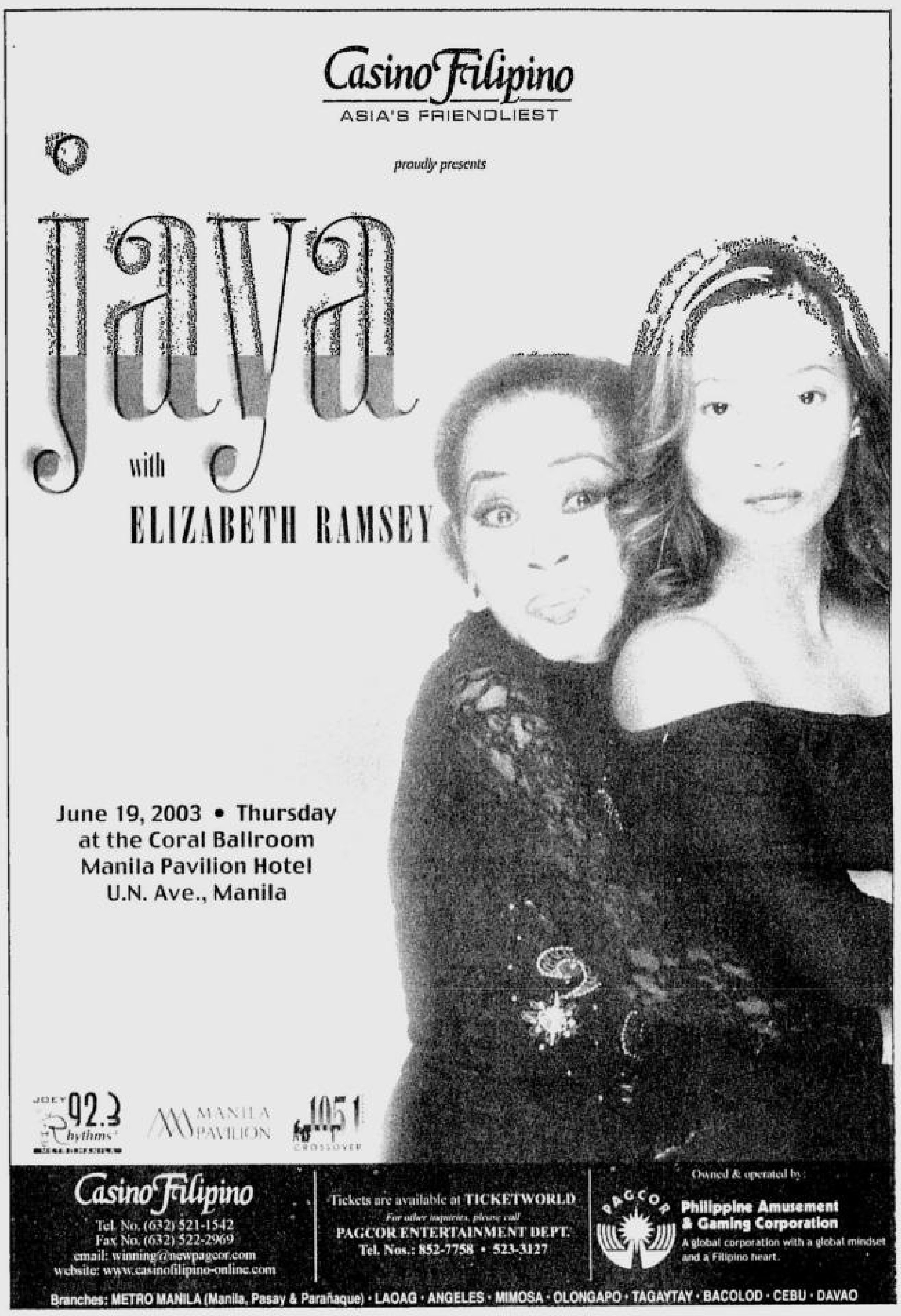

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# 'Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy' at SM North Edsa today

FILIPINOS export a lot of musicians, but not his music. We also sing a lot, but we sing foreign songs. Thus, Filipino music takes the backseat while musicians take the forefront.

Faced with this imbalance, a move to introduce a new form of Pilipino musical genre that would infuse popular music with indigenous musical sounds is in the offing. This bold creative step aims to bring out a distinctive Pilipino sound and dance movement that would appeal to the local and international market.

This new sound and dance form, called "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy", will take centerstage today, June 12, at SM North Edsa Activity Center in Quezon City, which also coincides with the Galing Pilipino Movement's first anniversary and Independence Day celebration. This first-of-its-kind song-dance competition is sponsored by the GPM.

GPM, a private sector-led initiative promoting what is good and excellent in Filipinos, continues to fulfill its mission for the past 12 months-inspiring and encouraging everyone to bring out the best in each Pilipino.

"Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" will capture the hearts of the present musical generation, especially with its strong beats and danceability. In fact, "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" can blend with with any popular form of music such as pop, jazz, rock, R&B or folk.

"Since most music trends we hear on TV and radio come from foreign origins, 'Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" will inspire and challenge the Filipino to focus on our indigenous culture and tradition without discarding their present favorite musical styles," says GPM president Erly de Guzman.

The "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" sampler event will be demonstrated by the Kontemporaryong Gamelan (Kontra-Gapi) under professor Edru Abraham Jr. of the UP College of Arts and Letters. Kontra-Gapi will render original song-dance numbers to the beat of indigenous musical instruments with a pop flavor.

"This unique musical group has performed in various countries and excited the theater-going public," states Inquirer entertainment columnist Nestor Torre.

The "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" committee is headed by recording executive Renato Malay with the following members: professor Edru Abraham, Butch Albarracin (Center for Pop Music Philippines president), Hazel Soriaga of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Archie Magpayo of Purefoods, Edgar Tolentino of DZRH (MBC), and Paolo Acosta of Image Dimension.

"Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" is open to the public. For more particulars, call the GPM office at 633-1089 or 0917-8354829 or log on to www.galing-pilipino.com.

**WINNING STORYTELLERS**

At the recent awards night ceremony for Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.'s 9th Kuwentong Kalikasan, Katha ng Kabataan (KKKK), four young storytellers each received their trophies, P30,000 cash prize, and P25,000 scholarship packages from Pacific Plans Inc. and Grepalife, while their respective schools each received P20,000 in cash and a trophy. Shown are (from 3rd left) Andionne Celeste A. Parlade of Miriam College (story: 'Paglaum'), John Rijz Gabaon of Paco Elementary School, Obando, Bulacan (story: 'Joan Bakawan') and Miyah D. Queliste from Maulawin Elementary School, Pagsanjan, Laguna (story: 'Si Pipit at ang Makukulay na Basura'). Fellow winner Michelle Bullough of International School Manila, Taguig (story: 'The Magic Pebbles') is now studying in Kuwait. Shown with the winners are (from left) Virgilio Pantaleon, RCBC head for corporate communications, DepEd Undersecretary for Programs and Projects Dr. Fe Hidalgo, RCBC executive vice chair Cesar EA Virata and Valentin Araneta, president and chief operating officer.

# Filipino caregivers now in demand worldwide

WORLDWIDE demand for Filipino caregivers is steadily increasing, most especially in European countries, Japan, Canada, and the United States.

This is according to Primacare Training and Development Center Inc, one of the frontrunners in the local caregiving industry that has sent abroad thousands of Filipino caregivers who are now immigrants in different parts of the world.

Primacare Training and Development Center is accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) and provides deployment assistance for its graduates with its affiliated groups worldwide.

In an official statement, Primacare Training president Roderick S. Gramata said with the advent of industrialization and ageing of the global population, particularly in developed countries, the demand for caregivers was "exponentially" increasing because of the shortage of live-in caregivers-resulting to the need of importing such services from the Philippines and other Asian countries.

Gramata added while there was increased demand for homes for the aged in the past, foreign employers today seek live-in caregivers to look after their aged family member at home, since homes for the aged seem to increase the rate of aging of its residents, making the elderly feel even more insecure with their state of "institutional withdrawal".

Gramata, however, clarified that before one can be a caregiver, he or she are required to undergo training and accumulate experience in the field, acquire additional 72 units in any college course, and undergo a 6-month training course with hands-on experience.

Primacare Training and Development Center is located at 85-C West Avenue, Quezon City, with telephone numbers 373-2782. Its branches are located in Bataan, Batangas, Bayombong, Kalookan, Cainta, Candon, Dagupan, Laoag, Makati, Naga, and Roxas City.

**MEDIA EXPOSURE FOR STUDENT LEADERS**

For the first time this year, the International Association of Business Communicators' (IABC) held the ComCamp, a three-day seminar-workshop, for about 50 select student editors, writers and organization heads. The experience aimed to immerse these young people to actual media practices and processes, as well as give them venues to discuss their concerns about media with prominent practitioners. Day One was held at the Philippine Daily Inquirer, who came on board as an annual partner of the activity. The students were treated to a series of discussions with distinguished editors and business leaders, as well as tours of the newsroom and printing press.

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**A TASTE OF WHAT'S COOKING**

The 'A Taste of the World: A Showcase of Culinary Experiences' (TOTW), which features various activities and contests of the country's leading hotels, restaurants and culinary schools, is scheduled from June 25 to 28 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila (WTCMM) and co-presented by San Miguel Purefoods and San Miguel Beer. TOTW features restaurants, fast food chains and franchisers together with finished food and beverage products, kitchen furniture, equipment and systems and other allied services. The 4-day event is organized by the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers-Manila Host Chapter (PSME-MHC) with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP). TOTW will be co-located with other specialty events such as Bakery Manila, Vino Toast Expo, the International Food Feast Bazaar and the Food and Beverage Engineering Expo, under the umbrella event that is the 5th International Food and Beverage Exposition (IFBE). Shown is the MOA signing between San Miguel Purefoods Co. (SMPFC), and organizers of the 5th IFBE, making SMPFC co-presentor of Bakery Manila and TOTW. From left are Mayose Bautista, IFBE project director, engineer Cesar Lim, IFBE president, Joyce Jacobe, SMPFC assistant manager-marketing services, and SMPFC's Archie Magpayo. For more inquiries, call 687-0654, 687-2955 or 845-1324.

**DRYPERS' COOL WORLD GOES ON MALL TOUR**

The Drypers 'Cool World: Where Babies Feel Presko' mall tour got off to a fresh start at the Robinsons Place Ermita May 31 and June 1. There, babies, mommies and even daddies participated in cool games, had digital portraits taken, and had loads of fun. A fresh opportunity to switch to Drypers was also offered at the changing and grooming station, where babies tried on the Drypers 'presko' experience for free. This event will also take place in 11 different major malls nationwide so that everyone can take part in the unique Drypers 'presko' experience. Come to the Drypers 'Cool World: Where Babies Feel Presko' mall tour at its SM Megamall B leg this June 14 and 15.

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## Marriage enrichment weekend

THE GALILEE Catholic Charismatic Community will hold a marriage encounter weekend at the St. Joseph Marello Retreat House, Tagaytay City starting Friday evening, June 13 and ending on Sunday afternoon, June 15. The marriage encounter is designed to renew marriages by offering the chance for spouses to rediscover each other. The program has also been proven helpful in healing marriages on the rocks. Couples who were struggling to stay together experience a rekindling of their loving relationship as the pains and problems in their marriage are seen in a new light. For inquiries, call or text Cris at 0917-8403052, Cora at 0917-5003961, or Jingle at 0917-8427896. All calls will be kept in strictest confidence.

## Quirit conducts

MAESTRO Julian Quirit takes a respite from his conducting stints in Australia and New Zealand to come home for "Eroica: Beethoven's Third," a one-night only concert with the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra on June 14 at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. Quirit flew in June 8 to start rehearsals with the SMPO, where he is also the music director and principal conductor. Aside from Beethoven's "Eroica", the concert will also feature Albert Tiu in Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor." This will be the first time that Quirit will conduct Tiu as a soloist. For the finale, the SMPO will render Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol." Tickets are now available at popular prices at all TicketWorld outlets. Call 891-5610 for inquiries and reservations, or visit www.ticketworld.com.ph. Call the San Miguel Foundation for the Performing Arts at 632-3699, or visit www.smfpa.com. For more information, call Discovery Suites at 683-8204, the official residence of Quirit.

## 'Love's Many Moods'

YAMAHA Audio Equipment and Sennheiser Microphones present two of the country's well-known sopranos in "Love's Many Moods"-probably the first pop and jazz concert by two classical singers-on Sunday, June 15 at 7:45 p.m. at the Summit Lounge of the Holiday Inn Galleria Manila (formerly Manila Galleria Suites) on ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig. Josephine Gomez performs well-loved compositions of Michel Legrand, Andrew Lloyd Webber and James Horner popularized by Barbra Streisand and Sarah Brightman, while Ma. Alegria Ferrer interprets some songs of Antonio Carlos Jobim (in Portuguese) and other bossa nova and samba composers. The two sopranos also renders the duets "What Kind of Fool Am I?", "Who Can I Turn To", "Tell Him" and "Somethin''s Comin'". Musical directors and assisting artists are top jazz pianist Jun Cadiz of the Jazz Friends and Carl Perion. Ramon Zialcita hosts. Tickets may be ordered at 633-7111 to 19 or 687-7898.

**WEST PARC MODEL UNIT OPENS**

Filinvest Alabang Inc (FAI) recently opened the model unit of West Parc, the company's newest residential project, at the 3rd level of Festival Supermall in Alabang. Tastefully designed, with complete appliances and furnishings, West Parc's model unit makes condominium living an enticing option. West Parc is a 7-tower residential complex soon to rise within Filinvest Corporate City, just a few meters away from the bustling Alabang-Zapote Road. Featuring an environment that is both dynamic and relaxing, West Parc puts residents in close proximity to the most exciting developments in the area. Shown blessing the model unit is Rev. Monsignor Felipe Ocol with Muntinlupa Mayor Jaime Fresnedi (left) and project team head Christopher Calibo.

**CAMPUS TOUR FOR TEENS**

The Rogemson Company Inc., a leading local personal care company, held a successful school tour from September to December last year covering a total of 87 high schools in key cities in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The Epiderm-A Inside-Out Confidence School Tour provided a venue for youngsters to learn about health and hygiene, and why it is important to be beautiful inside and out. After the interactive symposium, Rogemson products such as Epiderm-A Whitening Lotion and Sunscreen Protective Facial Cleanser were given out to student participants. In conjunction with the school tour, a campus beauty search was held in selected schools wherein junior and senior female high school students with charming personalities vied for the title Epiderm-A Campus Angels 2002. The event was sponsored by Epiderm-A Whitening Lotion, Whitening Soap, Whitening Facial Cream, Sunscreen Protective Facial Cleanser and Ladyfresh Everyday Feminine Wash.

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# There's 'Galing' in the uniqueness of the Filipino

"We want to challenge and empower every Filipino to take control of his destiny, to be the best that he can be, and to live his life making a positive difference, no matter how big or small, to the world," relates Erly de Guzman, founding president of the Galing Pilipino Movement

By Jodi V. Nigos

Do you know that the same atoms that make up a piece of coal are the exact same atoms that make up a diamond? Quite intriguing but that is true. The only difference is in the way they've been arranged inside.

Similarly, the same components that make an average Filipino are the same components that can create a Galing Pilipino.

Going back to the atoms that make up a coal and a diamond, do you know that once a piece of coal has been turned into a diamond, it can never be turned back?

Likewise, once you make "galing" out of an average Pinoy, he'll forever be "galing!"

Galing Pilipino believes that goodness and excellence is inherent in the Filipino. This [illegible] talent and the [illegible] desire to do ordinary things extraordinarily are proven by the achievements of countless Filipinos worldwide. [illegible] excellence about being Filipino can be in character or culture, or innate talent, and can be the Filipino as a worker, entrepreneur, citizen or family member, and regardless of socio-economic status, religion or profession.

These are some of the reasons why the Galing Pilipino Movement came into being exactly a year ago today. A private sector initiative, the movement aims to propagate the good qualities of the Filipino.

"We want to challenge and empower every Filipino to take control of his destiny, to be the best that he can be, and to live his life making a positive difference, no matter how big or small, to the world," relates Erly de Guzman, founding president of the Galing Pilipino Movement.

Often, the many "galing" [illegible] show our uniqueness as human race. Also, this uniqueness [illegible] freedom to create freely to test the limits of our imagination which can lead us to greater heights. And [illegible] as many "galing" as there are many ways to create freely. Galing Pilipino believes that these "galing," whether distinctive to the individual or to the Filipino should be put across and recognized.

There's "galing" in ordinary Pinoy doing ordinary work extraordinarily. Just like a pebble thrown at sea, this "galing" creates ripple effects in the same way that since there's "galing" in it, it influences other people to do the same.

There's also "galing" when we do service to our countrymen. Even things we consider trivial will become important when they are duplicated thereby creating a habit and in the long run a character in people.

There's "galing" in the Filipino who does not believe in [illegible]. Mediocrity is out of the Filipino psyche because he always strives to [illegible] and [illegible] faith in the Filipino to attain excellence [illegible] in business, in [illegible] science and technology, [illegible] or whatever field of endeavor he is in.

There's "galing" in the entrepreneurial skills of the Filipinos. He easily recognizes opportunities as they come. There's a saying that "in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity," the Filipino is best in discovering that. His capacity to survive even in extreme adversities seems second nature to him. He can even smile even in times of calamities.

There's "galing" in the Filipinos love for music. The Filipinos love to sing, they are a singing people. Their talent is recognized the world over.

The Filipino does not always rely on how things are usually done. He has creative approaches to problem-solving, he experiments as long as he wants. He believes that there are other ways, better ways [illegible] usual things are done and these ways are purely expressive of him, exclusive to him, always stamping his personal touch. See the Pinoy "galing" [illegible].

And there's "galing" in the Filipino as a worker. He's not only easily adaptable wherever he goes, he's organized, he's clean and neat, he's hospitable, he's friendly, he's courteous, and he makes sure that things are always done at their best. That's why Filipino workers are preferred the world over.

These "galing" are unique to the Filipino and there are many other ways where we can see the "galing" of the Pinoy. The most important thing is to allow them to express their own "kagalingan," give them freedom, let their creative juices flow. It's a sure way to build a great nation together.

It is said that habits done over time create character. This is the very reason why ordinary day-to-day activities of any ordinary Filipino, once given affirmation, and once done by all Filipinos will develop into a national culture. Imagine what a better nation our country will be if we always seek and endeavor the good and celebrate excellence in all we do.

And also imagine the [illegible] of pride we will [illegible] [illegible] Filipino and world [illegible] Filipino "galing"!

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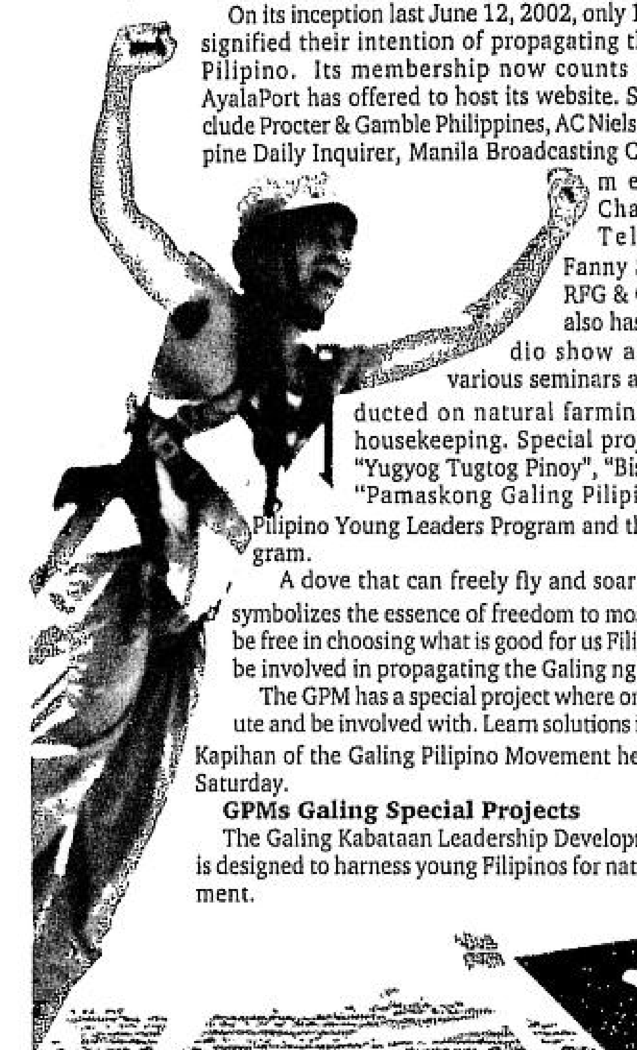
# CELEBRATING the FREEDOM

Ang Galing Mo!

## Celebrating the essence of freedom



THREE hundred sixty five days ago we introduced the Galing Pilipino Movement (GPM). It was a private sector initiative envisioned as a dynamic series of organized activities that would stir our countrymen to recognize, affirm and propagate what is good and excellent about being Filipino in character, culture and the Filipino as worker, entrepreneur, citizen or family member.

On its inception last June 12, 2002, only 10 people had signified their intention of propagating the Galing ng Pilipino. Its membership now counts almost 700. AyalaPort has offered to host its website. Supporters include Procter & Gamble Philippines, AC Nielsen, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Broadcasting Co., Image Dimension, Charisms Inc., Telenetwork, Fanny Serrano, and RFG & Co. GPM now also has a regular radio show at DZRH and various seminars are being conducted on natural farming and Galing housekeeping. Special projects include: "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy", "Bisita Pilipinas", "Pamaskong Galing Pilipino", "Galing Pilipino Young Leaders Program and the I-Gilas Program.

A dove that can freely fly and soar up in the sky symbolizes the essence of freedom to most of us. Let us be free in choosing what is good for us Filipinos and let's be involved in propagating the Galing ng Pilipino.

The GPM has a special project where one can contribute and be involved with. Learn solutions in the monthly Kapihan of the Galing Pilipino Movement held every third Saturday.

**GPMs Galing Special Projects**

The Galing Kabataan Leadership Development Program is designed to harness young Filipinos for national development.

"Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" aims to promote the rich musical culture of Filipinos through various and local ethnic instruments such as *kubing, kulintang*, gong, and *kudyapi*.

Bisita Pilipinas, on the other hand, aims to stimulate countryside development through eco-agro tourism. The program involves enlisting ancestral homes whose owners and caretakers are willing to participate in the development of a local bed-and-breakfast trade. GPM project partners would train personnel to handle tourists and guests in a personalized yet professional manner. By highlighting what is unique and excellent in the local community, terms of scenic attractions, local cuisine, cultural traditions and historical significance, a commendable sense of national pride and a bond of unity in diversity will be fostered.

Pamaskong Galing Pilipino enhances the celebration of Christmas by emphasizing the unique and heartwarming Galing Pilipino traditions that substantiate the claim the Philippines is the "Christmas capital of the world".

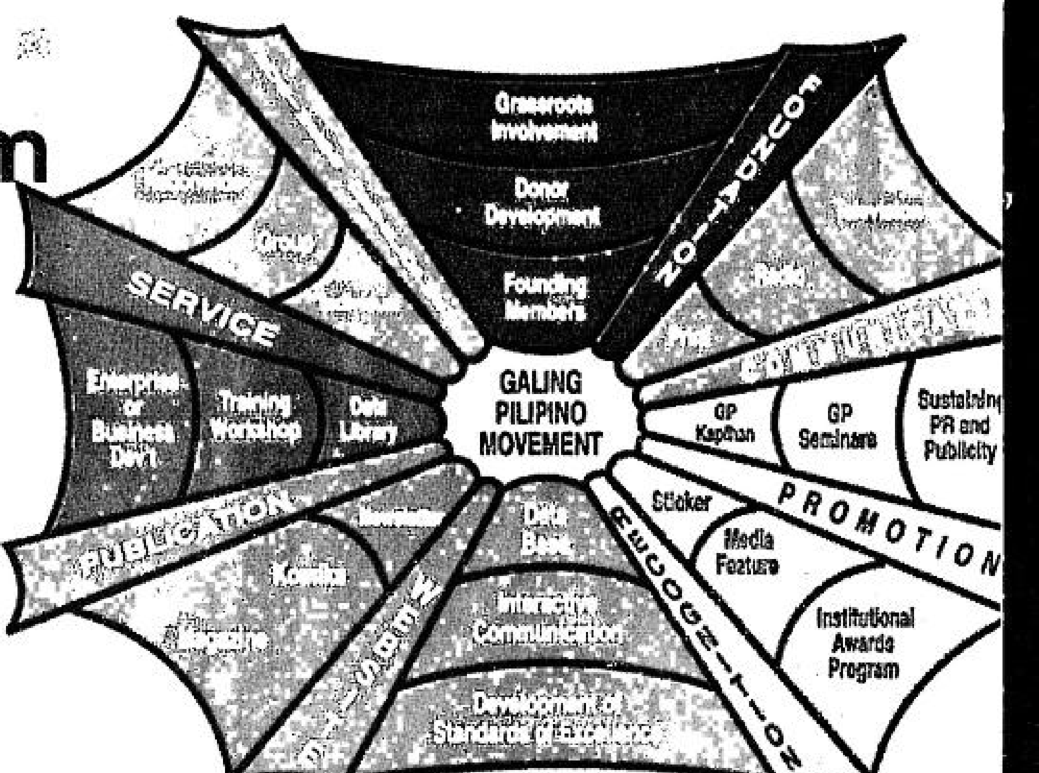
**Soar as a GPM I-Gilas**

A corps of active and dedicated volunteers is key to the success of the Galing Pilipino Movement. GPM I-Gilas, which also means *ilabas ang gilas*, was named after and inspired by the Philippine Eagle, with its far-reaching vision, strength and tenacity. A fitting symbol suggestive of the role every volunteer will play in the Galing Pilipino Movement – keeping an eye out for people who show *gilas* or *galing*.

Its mission is to spot Filipinos who have manifested the Galing Pilipino spirit in a particular action or project or behavior. Once spotted, these individuals would be given due recognition through a GPM sticker along with a citation. These will serve as a reward and a reminder for the individual to duplicate the specific act he was cited for. Repeated often enough, these acts will become habitual and eventually a way of life.

**Itaguyod ang Galing Pilipino!**

For those interested in joining the movement, call (632) 631-3932 or (632) 6331089 or text 0917-8354829, or log on to GPM's website at www.galingpilipino.com for more information. *Israel M. Brizuela*

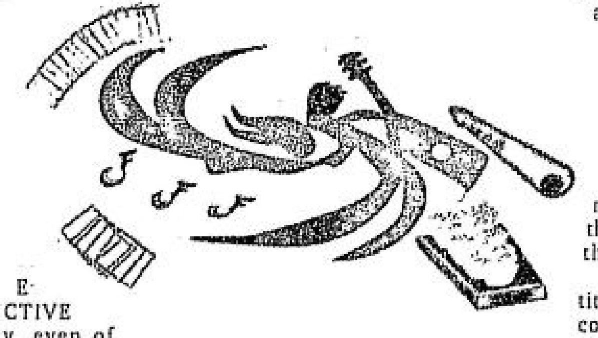


### Prinsipyong Galing Pilipino

- Ang galing, sa sarili manggagaling.
- Kung ang galing ipapamalas,
'di ka dadatnan ng malas.
- Hindi kailangang trabaho'y
sikat upang galing mo'y sumikat.
- Kung paglilingkod sa kapwa ang iyong
hangarin, kahit maliit na gawa ay
kahang-hanga rin.
- Sa lahat ng bagay, todo-bigay!
- Hanep sa hanapbuhay.
- Hangga't 'di sapat, 'di papaawat
- Anuman ang sumapit,
tuloy sa pag-awit.
- May ibang paraan pa sa
nakasanayan na.
- Sa trabaho, pati buong mundo
saludo.

## YUGYOG-TUGTOG PINOY:

### Breaking out from western music



ONE DISTINCTIVE quality, even of the ordinary Pinoy, is his love for music and the performing arts. We are a musical people. That is why the talent of the Filipino as a stage performer is recognized the world over. And we believe this talent is intrinsic to us.

There is one important shortcoming, though. The ballroom and social dances in the country, aside from the music that we sing, are all from outside sources. We don't display a unique musical character, though our indigenous culture and traditions are rich and distinctive.

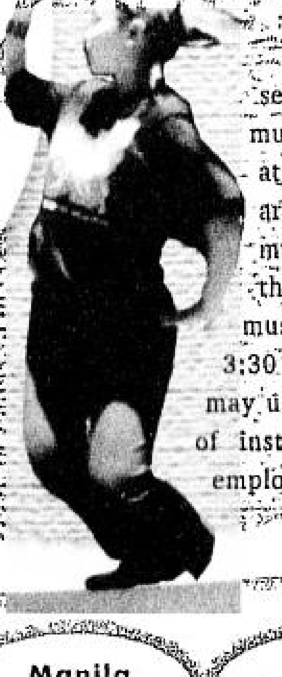
The Galing Pilipino Movement believes that the talent for music and the performing arts of the Filipino is inherent. It believes our culture is rich as far as music and the performing arts are concerned. Just like good deeds that should be harnessed to develop a distinctive culture, this quality of Filipinos should also be nurtured and propagated in order to create music we can claim as our own. So it becomes appropriate to develop a Filipino songs and dances that would appeal to the local and international market.

The "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" project of the Galing Pilipino Movement's aim is to promote the rich musical culturee of the Filipinos through various local ethnic instruments such as the *kubing, kulintang*, gong, and *kudyapi*.

With a first of its kind song-and-dance competition, the idea is to discover an original musical composition and original choreography that should be popularly appealing while also being both promulgating the Galing Pilipino ideal in form, substance and timbre. This song-dance fusion of the indigenous and pop genre should evoke Filipinos' creative genius and performing abilities.

With the help of strategic marketing promotions, Galing Pilipino Movement hopes the "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" winning entry would become a trendsetter for world-renowned dance. We danced the "Macarena" and "Asereje" from Spain. We tangoed our way from Argentina. We danced the *bhangra* of India and we followed the hip-hop culture of the United States. Isn't it high time that we have one we can call our own? This way, we would be able to create a sense of national pride and cultural identity.

## GPM launches 'Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy' Contest



THE SEARCH for *galing* in music ethnic of the Filipino starts today, Philippine Independence Day, as the Galing Pilipino Movement officially launches the "Yugyog Tugtog Pinoy" contest.

With the ultimate goal of promoting the rich musical culture of the Filipinos through various local ethnic instruments, the competition also serves as an avenue for aspiring local musicians who want to show their talents and be heard. The contest is open to everybody.

Entries must be an original musical composition with an original choreography. It must be performed by an ensemble with a maximum of 12 members, at least three of whom are dancers. The lyrics must be in Filipino and the musical piece must be rendered in 3:30 time. Musical entry may use any combination of instruments but must employ at least three indigenous musical instruments. The music must also be danceable and with a strong beat. It must also express the theme: Ang Galing ng Pilipino. Dance interpretative piece must also draw from indigenous Filipino rhythms and cultural traditions to give the presented number a discernable Filipino flavor.

Contest criteria include quality of music which comprises originality, strong beat, acoustic quality of fusion between indigenous and other instruments and rhythm, quality of choreography which consists of originality, movement, actions, grace and cultural flavor, interpretation of theme which contains the message, lyrics, meaning and emotional impact. Entries will also be judged based on popular appeal and visual impact.

Screening of entries will commence in July 2003. The contest finals will be held on August 24, 2003 in celebration of the National Heroes Day. For further inquiries, you may contact the Galing Pilipino Movement at tel. no. 631-3932, telefax 633-1089 or cell phone no. (0917) 8354829. You may also visit the Galing Pilipino website at www.galingpilipino.com.

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## EMERGING THE GALING PILIPINO

THE WORLD has changed rapidly and beyond recognition in the past decade. We now have a very dynamic marketplace, characterized by shrinking distances and information overload. The global citizen has experienced accelerating and decelerating economies; standardization and customization of industries, products and services across the globe; war and peace co-existing in the same geo-politic area. Terrorism, communications, science, medicine and politics — almost every aspect of life in the past decade has been challenged, re-formatted and transformed.

Curiously, however, for the Philippines, the more the world changes, the more we seem to remain the "same". A priest/sociologist friend of mine said that the Filipino defies any definition; he is in this world but not of this world. You cannot put him in a laboratory and study him. You cannot predict how he will react or what he will evolve into. You simply cannot second-guess the flow of his ever-transforming saga.

The Filipino seems to be a highly evolved soul living in two parallel realities within one world. When he begins to feel, "*Wala ng pag-asa*", that's when he feels that he has to get himself together, "*kasi sukdulan na*". In the heat of the moment, in the eye of the storm, in the crucible of crisis, the Filipino , more often than not, reveals a nobility of character marking his high call, his potential and his passion for excellence.

The Pinoy naturally exhibits his true being when, "Sagad na sagad na siya" (when he is at the bottom of his life and everything that he see is threatening), he is able to muster all the courage in his being and rise beyond his masked self. What is significant about People Power I an II is that they were such strange revolutions, there was no mob rule in this gatherings, people were eating, dancing, texting, singing. And yet everyone was dead serious about toppling a government.

At the same time Pinoys are unaware of his own power. He is a simple guy with simple aspirations. You can't depend on him to analyze things scientifically or philosophically. But his collective unconscious tells him not to worry, about disasters, finances etc. - that is why in recent surveys the Filipino is the most contented in Asia, despite the fact everything in his country looks topsy-turvy.

The Filipino is very good abroad although he/she has no idea of the good he/she does to his/her foreign wards. But the Americans, British, Japanese are realizing it and that is why they like hire Filipino nurses, teachers, caregivers, domestic helpers, etc. Apparently the giants who doesn't want to be controlled is willing to have their children learn values from a Filipino. Once, the Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Spaniards have influenced and imbibed their culture in us. Now, we are getting a chance in Filipinizing them.

It is clear that the Filipino are "*magagaling*" , why not brand every Filipino a Galing Pilipino. Intel would have not stayed in the Philippines for 28 years if we Filipinos are not competent, efficient and skilled employees. The Philippine plant is where Intel's most advanced products are launched including the Pentium IV, the Philippine operations are expected to be Intel's biggest assembly and testing operations worldwide. Texas Instruments has also been operating in Baguio City for over 20 years, the Baguio plant is the largest producer of DSP chips in the world; DSP chips are brains behind mobile phones, the plant produces chips that power 100 percent of all Nokia mobile phones in the world. America Online (AOL) has one thousand (1,000) people in Clark answering 90 percent of AOL's global email inquiries. And if you drive a Benz, BMW or a Volvo, there is a good possibility that the ABS system in your car was made in the Philippines. And now we are exporting cars in quantity courtesy of Ford Philippines.

A big part of our problem is perception and one of the biggest battles can be won simply by believing and making others believe in the Galing ng Pilipino. It is time we stop pointing fingers and blaming the system. Instead change, revitalize and transform ourselves, it is time to move forward with rest of the world and let us develop our economy from within and rebuild our nation from the heart. We need to change our paradigm... we need to be brand builders of the Galing ng Pilipino.

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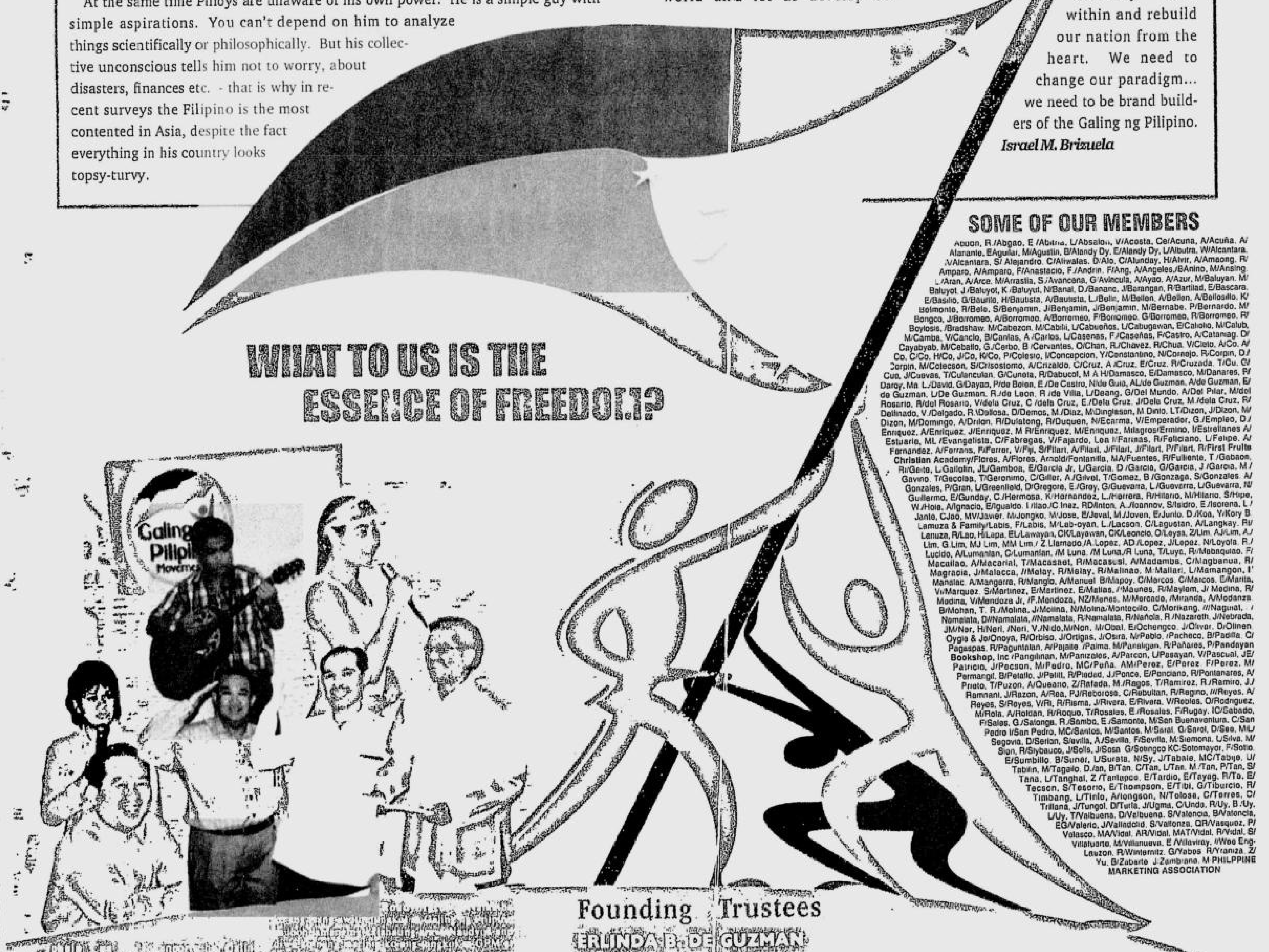

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